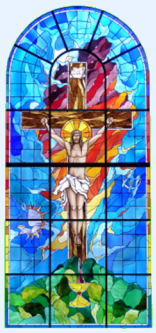

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Immaculate Conception

July 12, 2026 — **15th Sunday Ordinary Time**

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Parish Office Hours
School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

Schools Office Hours
School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am
Wednesday – 8:15 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

Confession Schedule
Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

Adoration Chapel Hours
Daily, 5 am—9 pm

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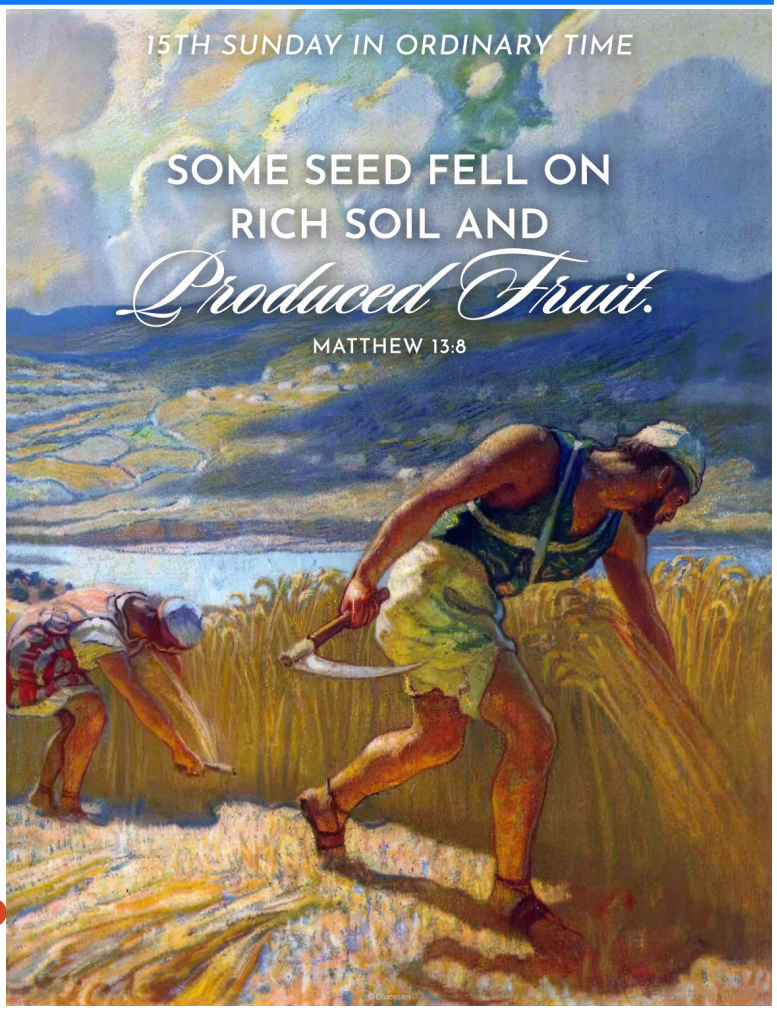
Parish Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-1 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

Sunday Mass Schedule
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

Daily Mass Schedule
Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish



Holy Day Schedule (HC and ICC)
Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

sacraments

Receiving the Sacraments

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

happenings

Summer Hours

Both Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception are on their Summer Hours through Labor Day.

Holy Cross will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm. Office is closed on Friday.

Immaculate Conception will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 am to 1 pm. Office is closed on Wednesday and Friday.

Counters Needed

Volunteers Needed! If you have some spare time on Monday mornings, and would like to help the Parish Office count the donations that came during the weekend Masses, please call the Parish Office at 302-674-5787, ext. 110 to leave your name and contact information. We are hoping to establish several counting teams to help with this task each week.

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Weekly Offering (HC)

2026 Year End

Offertory Type	Received	Budgeted/ Needed	Difference
Regular			
YTD	**$1,369,502**	**$1,380,000**	**($10,497)**
Needs			

Weekly Offering (ICC)

Ending July 5, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$5,135
Second	$426

Thank you to all advertisers in our bulletin.
We appreciate your support!

If you know of someone who would like to advertise in the bulletin, please contact Diocesan Publications at 800-233-8200.

A Word from your Administrator…

You don't have to explain to a farmer the power of a seed. For most of us we learned about seeds when we planted them in a syrofoam cup in elementary school. In the Gospel today Jesus is speaking to a 1st century crowd who understood the power of a seed and how, if taken care of, what yield it would bring. With the right soil, water and sun, the seed will thrive. Jesus uses this image to speak about the power of the Word of God. If planted in the right soil and given attention it will thrive. This time of year we can appreciate how different our communities can look with corn rising in what is usually an open field. Can we plant His word in a way that makes our communities look different?

Fr. Carroll

It was good to meet some of you two weekends ago! I hope that the celebration of the 4th of July offered some good family and community times, now memories. We also plant good seed on fertile ground when we tend to those we love and create stories together.

Faith & Charity Annual Catholic Appeal

We were challenged to increase our percent of participation. We have almost 1000 parishioners on the list submitted to the Appeal Office. Only 28% have responded to the Appeal thus far compared to 26% last year. I would like to see us at 30% which translates into 20 new givers. There has never been a better time to make a difference. A gift of any amount will tell the story of our success and generosity. There are envelopes in the Gathering Space and you can give online through the Diocesan website: DONATE TODAY

Thank you!

pastor's column

MONDAY
July 13
Weekday
Is 1:10–17
Mt 10:34—11:1

TUESDAY
July 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Is 7:1–9
Mt 11:20–24

WEDNESDAY
July 15
St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 10:5–7, 13b–16
Mt 11:25–27

THURSDAY
July 16
Weekday
Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19
Mt 11:28–30

FRIDAY
July 17
Weekday
Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8
Mt 12:1–8

SATURDAY
July 18
Weekday
Mi 2:1–5
Mt 12:14–21

SUNDAY
July 19
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16–19
Rom 8:26–27
Mt 13:24–3 or 13:24–30

connections

HC & ICC Clergy

VT, Rev. Norman P. Carroll	Administrator
Rev. John Enemuo	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Rommel Padilla	Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Hynes	In Residence

HC Clergy

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

HC Staff

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Vivian Alvarado	Assistant to the Pastor, ext. 113
Darcee Impagliazzo	Business Manager, ext. 119
Rev. Padilla	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. I15
Tammy Korosec	CRE Religious Ed, ext 122
Linda Darling	Youth Ministry, ext. 123
Justin Wurzel	Maintenance Director
Len Dornberger	Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135
Michael Perza	Dir. of Music Ministry, 302 698 9302

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Mallory O'Mara	Principal, ext. 111

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faith in action

Samaritan's Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of the following: Canned Kidney, Black and Pinto Beans, peanut butter, jelly, hamburger helper, one pound bags of rice, Manwich, Cereal, Jell-O, Chicken Broth. These and small packs of meat or burger can be left in the pantry drop off door behind the rectory.

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church is hosting a pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona - **September 13-22, 2026.** Join Fr. Volodymyr Klanichka and travel to two of the world's most revered pilgrimage sites. Experience the culture and beauty of Portugal, France, and Spain along the way! Double occupancy cost is $4,699 including airfare from Philadelphia and at least one meal each day.
For more information contact Fr. Volodymyr at Vovaklan@gmail.com or visit: https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1392151

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held the weekend of July 31 - August 2, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. An additional program will be the weekend of October 2 - 4. For more information, call 215-766-3944 or visit www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Annual Appeal Update

The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal continues to experience strong support throughout our Diocese. We are grateful to all who have already made a gift or pledge to this year's Appeal.

If you have pledged, please remember that fulfilling your commitment helps provide essential funding for ministries that serve those in need, support Catholic education, assist our parishes, form future priests and deacons, and strengthen the mission of the Church throughout Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

If you have not yet participated, there is still time. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. New and returning donors also help our parish qualify for special rebate opportunities that directly benefit local parish ministries and programs. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.

Newly Baptized

Congratulations to our newly baptized members:

- Ailani Gonzalez-Castillo

Recently Deceased

Our prayers and condolences to the families who have recently lost a loved one:

- Margaret Tretina

Welcome New Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members!

Mass Intention
July

13 Monday
HC 8:00 am Sonya Heilmann

14 Tuesday
HC 8:00 am Katie Helman (LI)

15 Wednesday
HC 8:15 am Frank & Julia Allen

16 Thursday
HC 8:00 am Paul & Judith Tevino (LI)
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

17 Friday
HC 8:00 am Nicole Elliott (LI)

18 Saturday
HC 8:00 am Lavergne Family
HC 5:00 pm Helen Bogglin

19 Sunday
HC 7:30 am For the People
ICC 8:30 am Mary F. Kibler
HC 9:30 am Sonya Heilmann
ICC 11:00 am Rita Hart
HC 11:30 am Jose Antonio Peralta
ICC 1:00 pm For the People

Sanctuary Candle in Church is for the intention of parishioners of Holy Cross.

Sanctuary Candle in the Adoration Chapel is for the intention of parishioners of Holy Cross..

Knights of Columbus Donut Sale!

The Knights of Columbus Council 4182 will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts next Sunday, July 19, after the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses in the gathering space. Cost is $16 a dozen, $10 a half dozen, or a good will donation for a single. The proceeds from the sale will be supporting the Coats for Kids program.

JULY 18/19, 2026

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	C. Helwig M. King	M. Lewandowski M. MacLeish	C. Barrett M. Caskey-Wenck
			LECTORS
			D. Kilby G. Murphy
7:30 AM	D. Lester L. Luckett	R. O'Neill T. Svienty	E. Costa M. Costa
			LECTORS
			R. Pritchett
9:30 AM	R. Willey T. Arndt	D. Banach K. Boyer	H. Louissaint G. Maddlena
			LECTORS
			T. Baurys S. Crossen
11:30 AM	B. Guzman M. Rivera	C. Garcia	D. Aguilar Y. Aguilar
			LECTORS
			N. Almengor A. Garcia

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	J. Moore		
			LECTORS
			K. Escalante
11:00 AM	A. Poppiti		
			LECTORS
			S. Tucker

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or an Altar Server, please all the Parish Office at Holy Cross. Leave your name and contact information.

As always, we can use more volunteers to become ministers to the sick and homebound. This ministry is growing daily and they so appreciate receiving Our Lord especially since they can't come to Mass. Sign up at the office if you are interested in learning more about this ministry.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Eucharistic adoration is the respect and worship we give to Jesus, who is truly present to us under the appearance of bread and wine. The Eucharist is a priceless treasure; by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace. As St. Alphonsus Liguori noted, "of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." [CCC 1418] You don't need a time if you cannot make a commitment. Please feel free to come in and sit with our Lord, when you can.

Contact JOHN MURPHY 302-233-1779, text, or email jkm2015@verizon.net

Times Available are:

Sunday 6-7am, 7-8am, 5-6pm, 6-7pm, 8-9pm
Tuesday 6-7am
Wednesday 11-12am
Thursday 6-7am, 8-9pm
Friday 5-6pm
Saturday 5-6am, 12-1pm, 7-8pm, 8-9pm

- **La Virgen Peregrina:** La Virgen Peregrina está visitando casas, si usted desea que la imagen de la virgen peregrina visite su casa por una semana, hable con nuestra hermana Marta Espinosa.

- **Jesús te Invita a que pases una hora con El: Capilla de Adoración Eucarística**: «Ven y pase una hora con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Para anotarse llame a la oficina parroquial.

- **Las clases de educación religiosa se imparten en la Escuela Primaria Holy Cross Para más información comuníquese con**: Sra. Tammy Korosec Coordinadora de Educación Religiosa email -tkorosec@holycrossdover.org o llame al 302.674.5787 ext 122

- **APOSTOLADO DE LAS SIETE HERMANAS EN LA SANTA CRUZ** ¿Sabías que...? ¡Sin sacerdotes, No hay Sacramentos! Existe un grupo internacional de católicos que rezan diariamente por un sacerdote, y aquí en Holy Cross tenemos un grupo dedicado a nuestro propio sacerdote. Este grupo se basa en que siete mujeres hacen una Hora Santa ante nuestro Sumo Sacerdote Eucarístico, Jesús, por un sacerdote, todos los días, todas las semanas, durante todo un año… de ahí el nombre de Apostolado de las Siete Hermanitas. Nos encantaría que te unieras a esta iniciativa. Al fortalecer al sacerdote, fortaleces a toda la Iglesia Contacto: Delizabeth Díaz-Martínez correo electrónico 7sistersaposto-late2023@gmail.com

- **Voluntarios**: Se necesitan catequistas para el año escolar 2026-2027º si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre-Bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787.

PARROQUIA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION- MARYDEL

- Inscripciones para la Escuela Dominical: Ya se están recibiendo inscripciones para el próximo año. Por favor, inscriban a sus hijos ahora para asegurar su lugar en una clase aquí en la Inmaculada Concepción. Se necesitan catequistas para el año escolar 2026-2027. Si desean colaborar con la Educación Religiosa o con la Escuela Bíblica de Verano, por favor comuníquense con Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939. Ofrecemos clases desde septiembre hasta mayo. Se proporcionará capacitación y formación. Por favor, disciernan si esta es su manera de contribuir con la comunidad de la Iglesia.

- **La Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones:** Ya está en preparación. Se llevará a cabo del 3 al 7 de agosto. Pronto se anunciará la fecha de una reunión de planificación. Avísenles a Meg o a la Sra. Alicia si están interesados en colaborar este año. Nuestro tema será "Rainforest Falls" (Cascadas de la Selva Tropical). Si desean colaborar con la Educación Religiosa o con la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones, por favor comuníquense con Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939 o a dre@iccmarydel.org.

faith formation

Religious Ed at Holy Cross

Registration for the 2026-27 Religious Education School Year is now open. Click on the QR Code to go to the website:

Adult Religious Education Classes

2026-27 Class – Beginning on

September 8th

If you have any questions or would like to order the workbook set, please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

Do you have a love for Jesus and a desire to share that with the next generation? Do you feel called to evangelization?

We are looking for a few good team members for our Holy Cross Religious Education program, Confirmation and Youth Ministry and the Holy Cross Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) team. No experience is needed, just a willing heart to be a witness to your faith to others!
If interested, please email Tammy Korosec, Coordinator of Religious Education at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org with your contact information and area of interest. You may also call (302) 674-5787 X 122 with any questions.

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

LAFF (*Living as a Family of Faith Family Catechesis)*; Adult/child Meeting, the first and third Sunday of month 11:00am-1:00pm in the Matthew/Mark Room of the Parish Office. Family works on activities at home in between. (Limited to 25 families-after the max is met a second day/time will be established on a weeknight evening)

Youth Ministry

Registration for Confirmation Preparation 2027:
May be found on the church website under Confirmation 2027.

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Religious Education at ICC

Vacation Bible School is in the works. "Rainforest Falls": August 3-August 7. A planning meeting was had and a training date will be set up. Let us know if you are interested in helping out. Let Meg or Ms. Alicia know if you are interested in helping out this year.

SRE: Registrations are being taken now for next year. Please get your children registered now to save their place in a class here at Immaculate Conception.

Catechists, assistants, and aids are needed for the 2026-2027 school year. Kindergarten, Grade 5 and assistants for several grades. We have classes from September -May. Training and formation provided. Please decern whether this is your way of giving back to the Church community. Any questions, please feel free to contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmarydel.org

Immaculate Conception: Religious Education- In need of persons with a desire to broaden your faith while teaching others the Catholic faith. Call Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939 to inquire. Kindergarten and 5th grade Catechist needed.

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue through the summer months, we remain grateful for the many opportunities to witness our Catholic faith being lived out both within our school community and beyond.

This past week began with a visit to Damascus Camp in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where I joined several colleagues from the Diocese of Wilmington. Earlier this spring, representatives from Damascus Camp visited our middle school students to share the many opportunities the camp offers, and their presentation inspired several of our students to register for this summer. While campers enjoy activities such as swimming, water sports, archery, games, and time together outdoors, what truly makes Damascus Camp special is its unwavering commitment to keeping Jesus Christ at the center of every experience.

Seeing the camp in action was both inspiring and uplifting. It was a beautiful reminder that summer can be a time not only for recreation, but also for spiritual growth. Throughout the camp, prayer, worship, and joyful fellowship are woven into each day, allowing young people to deepen their relationship with Christ while building lasting friendships. The camp's mission is to awaken, empower, and equip a generation to live the adventure of the Catholic faith through world class programs and meaningful encounters with Jesus. We are grateful for the Diocese of Wilmington's partnership with Damascus Camp and hope that many more Holy Cross students will have the opportunity to experience this incredible ministry in the years to come.

Tuesday marked another meaningful moment as Deacon Vince and Dr. Kulp, our Associate Superintendent, began their mission trip to Kenya with Water is Life Kenya. Throughout this past Lenten season, our students generously supported this mission by collecting spare change in their classrooms to help provide clean water for communities in need. Representatives from Water is Life Kenya also visited Holy Cross to share how these donations directly transform lives through access to clean water, education, and hope.

During their mission, Deacon Vince and Dr. Kulp will assist with the rehabilitation of an early childhood center while helping provide reliable access to clean water for both the students and the surrounding community. Their willingness to serve reminds us that we are called to be to live as Christ, caring for our brothers and sisters wherever they may be. We ask that you continue to keep them and everyone traveling with them in your prayers for safe travels, good health, and a fruitful mission. We eagerly look forward to welcoming them home and hearing how God worked through their service.

On Wednesday evening, we welcomed parents interested in helping lead our Home and School Association. We are incredibly thankful for every volunteer who has helped strengthen our school community through events such as Movie Night, Ice Cream Days, and our annual Walkathon. We offer our sincere gratitude to Mrs. Gambone for her many years of faithful leadership and dedication. As we prepare for another exciting school year, we are blessed to see new parents stepping forward to continue building this important ministry of service and fellowship.

We also enjoyed welcoming families to campus on Thursday for a special uniform event with one of our valued school partners. It was wonderful to see families preparing for the new school year while enjoying a fun afternoon together.

Although summer brings a different pace, there is still much taking place behind the scenes as we prepare for another year of Catholic education rooted in faith, academic excellence, and service. Thank you, as always, for your continued prayers, generosity, and unwavering support of Holy Cross School. May God continue to bless you and your families throughout this summer season.

God Bless,

Mrs. O'Mara

Queridos Feligreses,

¿Ven la manera de cómo inicia hablando el profeta? Esto dice el Señor: el profeta es enfático y enérgico. La Palabra que está anunciando no es personal, es de otro, ese otro es Dios. Por tanto, la Palabra de Dios es absoluta y nadie puede cambiarla. Dios no tiene consejeros, Dios no tiene asesores. La Palabra de Dios no está sometida a un arbitraje o a consultas o a pareceres diversos de aprobación. Dios es Dios. Por ejemplo: el ateo piensa Dios no existe, no creo en su palabra, esto no significa que sólo porque el ateo piense de esa forma es verdad que Dios no existe. Dios existe, su Palabra existe y su obra existe, independientemente una persona o mil personas, no crean en él, y aún más, por el simple hecho de que un ateo piense que Dios no existe, el día del juicio final, va a ser juzgado por Dios, por ese mismo Dios que él ha negado creer, el ateo no podrá escapar del juicio final. La existencia de Dios no depende de la negación del cerebro de un ser humano. Dios quiere resultados concretos y juzgará los resultados. Dios no va a juzgar esfuerzos. Una persona podrá decir, yo he servido a Dios 50 años, he sido predicador, he leído la Palabra de Dios a tiempo y a destiempo por muchos años; he sido ministro extraordinario de la sagrada eucaristía por muchísimo tiempo; he cantado para Dios toda mi vida; he rezado más de un millón de veces el Santo Rosario; he sido catequista de los sacramentos para la mitad de la población de esta ciudad; he estado casado por la Iglesia por 40 años; he sido sacerdote por 60 años. Pero no es el tiempo el que importa, recordemos lo que dice la Palabra de Dios: "no todo el que me dice Señor, Señor, entrará en mi presencia" también podemos recordar aquel pasaje bíblico que dice: "Señor, hasta los demonios se nos sometían; sanamos muchos enfermos en tu Nombre, y Dios dirá: apártense de mí malditos, no los conozco". No debemos enfocarnos en el tiempo que hemos servido a Dios, sino en el fruto generado en ese tiempo. ¿Cuáles han sido los frutos que Dios obrado en todo este tiempo a través de mi indigno e inmerecido servicio a Dios y a la Iglesia? ¿He trabajado para llevar a las personas hacia Cristo o he construido un lobby para mi propio servicio personal? ¿He trabajado para llevar las almas para Cristo y buscar la salvación de ellos o he trabajado solamente para buscar mi propio interés? Puedo asegurarles absolutamente que haber trabajado para Cristo y su Iglesia, 50 ó 60 años, no significa la garantía plena para la salvación, de manera que, ningún servidor debería pensar o decir, he trabajado para Dios 50 años, por lo tanto, ¡ya estoy salvo! Esa sería una reacción emocional demasiado precipitada. No es el tiempo trabajando el que garantiza la salvación de las almas, sino más bien los frutos obtenidos como resultados de nuestro trabajo. Por ejemplo: recuerdan a uno de los dos hombres que fueron crucificados con Cristo, sólo transcurrió 1 minuto y Jesucristo le dijo: "Hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso". No es el tiempo el que importa, es el resultado. Esto se parece también a una evaluación académica, al maestro no le interesa si tú has estudiado tres meses, un mes, una semana, un día, para tu examen, a tu maestro lo único que le interesa y es lo que tu maestro va a evaluar es lo que tú respondiste a todas las preguntas de tu examen, es decir, a tu maestro le interesa el resultado, no cuántos días te esforzaste estudiando. Pudiste haber estudiado todos los días durante 3 meses, pero si el día del examen, no respondiste correctamente, reprobarás la materia. Importa el resultado, nada más. Inspirados en el profeta, podemos hacernos la siguiente pregunta: ¿Cuánto tiempo llevo sirviendo a Dios? ¿Cuáles han sido los resultados? ¿He llevado las almas para Cristo? Nunca debemos olvidar que la obra es de Dios. Nadie tiene el poder para decirle a otra persona, ya estás convertida, ya has conseguido la salvación. A nosotros únicamente nos corresponde predicar, es decir, lanzar la semilla, es Dios quien convertirá un corazón de piedra, en un corazón de carne, es Dios quien proporcionará la lluvia a la tierra y hará germinar la semilla. Dejemos ser a Dios, no juguemos nosotros a querer ser dioses, no nos corresponde a nosotros ese trabajo. Sirvamos con amor y alegría a los demás, sin olvidar que Dios en el momento menos pensado puede hacer su obra maravillosa, pero esto es un misterio no revelado, es decir, reservado sólo a Dios.

Sinceramente,

Padre Padilla