



ST. TIMOTHY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA DE SAN TIMOTEO

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—March 4, 2018

Why Don't Catholics Go Straight to Jesus?

The Sacrament of Confession

Robert G. Schroeder

But Paul teaches that Jesus is the one and only mediator between God and us (1 Tim. 2:5), so isn't the priest an unnecessary intermediary? Shouldn't Christians confess their sins directly to God?

Catholics do confess their sins directly to God both within and outside the confessional. Jesus advocated praying directly to the Father to ask forgiveness for our sins (Matt. 6:12), and Catholics do this communally at every Mass and in prayer groups, and individually during private prayer. But Catholics also believe that Jesus gave the Church a unique role in his ministry of reconciliation by entrusting it with his power to forgive and retain sins. It is useful to clarify what happens in the sacrament of confession. During confession, the priest perpetuates this ministry by acting *in persona Christi*, "in the person of Christ." In other words, when Catholics receive absolution from the priest for sins confessed, it is Jesus' forgiveness that is granted, not the priest's.

An essential principle of the ministerial priesthood is that God works through men who have a special spiritual role within the Church to communicate his grace and truth. Both Catholics and Evangelicals affirm Paul's teaching that Jesus is the sole mediator between God and us, but Catholics recognize that Jesus was at liberty to allow his mediation to be worked through the apostles and their successors in the Church.

We see Jesus giving specific power to the apostles to perpetuate his presence and ministry not only in John 20:21–23 but also in other Gospel accounts: Jesus confers his authority to baptize, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:18–19); he also gives Peter and the apostles the power to teach and to excommunicate within the Church in a way that would be ratified in heaven (Matt. 16:18; 18:19).

Jesus chose to use the apostles as his instruments. Most Evangelicals will agree that this instrumentality is at work in their own pastors, who perform baptisms in their churches. In a similar way, God employs priests as ministers of forgiveness in the sacrament of confession.

¿Por qué los Católicos no van directo a Jesús?

El Sacramento de la Confesión

Sacerdotes Representan a Cristo

Pablo nos enseña que Jesús es el único mediador entre Dios y nosotros (Tim1, 2-5), siendo así, ¿No es el sacerdote un intermediador innecesario? ¿Deberían Cristianos confesarse directamente con Dios?

Católicos confiesan sus pecados directamente con Dios dentro y fuera del confesionario. Jesús nos decía que pidiéramos perdón directamente al Padre por nuestros pecados (Mateo 6:12), y los Católicos hacen esto en cada misa, en grupos de oración e individualmente en oración privada. Pero católicos también creen que Jesús le dio a la Iglesia el ministerio de reconciliación confiándola con el poder de perdonar y no perdonar los pecados. Clarifiquemos que pasa en el sacramento de la confesión. En la confesión, el sacerdote hace su ministerio representando a Cristo. En otras palabras, cuando los católicos reciben absolución por sus pecados de parte del sacerdote, es Jesús el que los perdona, no el sacerdote.

Lo principal del ministerio del sacerdocio es que Dios trabaja a través de hombres que tienen un lugar especial en la Iglesia para comunicar su gracia y verdad. Católicos y Evangelistas afirman las enseñanzas de Pablo de que Jesús es el único mediador entre Dios y nosotros, pero Católicos reconocen que Jesús tenía la libertad de permitir la mediación a través de los apóstoles y sus sucesores en la Iglesia.

Vemos que Jesús le dio poderes específicos a los apóstoles de perpetuar su presencia y ministerio no solo en Juan 20: 21-23 pero también en otros pasajes del evangelio: Jesús da su autoridad para bautizar diciendo, "Se me ha dado toda autoridad en el cielo y la tierra. Vayan y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizando en el nombre del Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo" (Mateo 28:18-19); también le da a Pedro y los apóstoles el poder de enseñar y de excomulgar dentro de la iglesia en una manera que será ratificada en el cielo (Mat 16-18;18:19)

Jesús uso a los apóstoles como sus instrumentos. La mayoría de Evangélicos están de acuerdo que esta instrumentación está trabajando en sus propios pastores, que bautizan en sus iglesias. De una manera similar, Dios emplea sacerdotes como ministros de perdón en el sacramento de la confesión.



LENT

Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of **Lent**. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) must **fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Wednesday of Lent
9:00 am to 6:00 pm (church)

SOUP SUPPER/CENA DE SOPA

Every Wednesday of Lent (except Ash Wednesday and Holy Wednesday)
6:00 pm, Gym

STATIONS OF THE CROSS/VIA CRUCIS

Every Friday of Lent
8:30 am English
6:00 pm English
7:00 pm Spanish

PARISH COMMUNAL PENANCE/CONFESIONES

Wednesday, March 14, 2018
7:00 pm (also every Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm)

PALM SUNDAY/DOMINGO DE RAMOS

March 25, 2018
*Regular Sunday schedule
Blessing of Palms at all Masses
Benidicion de Palmas en todas las Misas

WHAT ARE STATIONS OF THE CROSS? Stations of the Cross started with St. Francis of Assisi and has continued to our day. It is being practiced by an increasing amount of Christ followers all around the world. Walking through the stations of the cross is a devotional exercise. During this time we affirm our solidarity with Christ. We experience his love afresh as we consider what he went through on our behalf, and we not only meditate on what it means to carry our crosses, but use this time to engage in habits that help us live sacrificial cross-shaped lives. For Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and *take up their cross daily* and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it (Luke 9:23-24 NIV).

MASS INTENTIONS
March 3 through March 10

Saturday, March 3	5:00 pm	Alex Figueroa & Fred Natividad + John O'Brien + Lita Fakava +
Sunday, March 4	7:30 am	Happy Birthday Keisarina Hafoka Tevita Hafoka +
	9:00 am	Tecla Ganio + Sitani Tau + Guido Rinaldi +
	10:30 am	People of St. Timothy
	12:00 pm	Maria Rodriguez +
Monday, March 5	8:00 am	Thanksgiving for daughter Michelle & baby granddaughter
Tuesday, March 6	8:00 am	Jose & Maria Placido +
Wednesday, March 7	8:00 am	Thanksgiving for daughter Michelle & baby granddaughter
Thursday, March 8	8:00 am	Thanksgiving for daughter Michelle & baby granddaughter
Friday, March 9	8:00 am	Happy Birthday Dorothy Lajom
Saturday, March 10	8:00 am	Tecla Ganio +

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

Pray for our Sick and those who need our Prayers:

Bonnie Giffin, Carol Cross, Virginia Rundell,
Dalisay Elevado, John Fall, Pat Carli

For the Souls of all the faithful departed ~

Gene Kudemus

Grief and Bereavement

Deacon Fred Totah, (650-342-2468, Ext. 17)

Regular Activities at St. Timothy

Liturgy Ministry	First Thursdays	7:00 pm	Hispanic Ministry	First Mondays	7:00 pm
Pastoral Council	Third Thursdays	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary Wednesdays	9:00 am	
Finance Council	Fourth Tuesdays	7:00 pm	Adoration	Every Friday	5:45 pm (Chapel) (except during Lent)

Visit our website at www.sttims.us for more details

Mass Intentions & Bulletin notices: at least 2 weeks in advance - Editor: Trudy Guella—tguella@sttims.us

SACRIFICIAL GIVING/COLECCION

Gifts for God - Colección

February 25 Sunday Collection \$ 4,277.63
 School \$ 1,576.00

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018

Goal: 100% \$63,076



To date: 4.4% \$ 2,791

Coming up at St. Timothy...

- Coffee Social**—This weekend! March 4th
- Y.E.S. Bake Sale**—after all Masses, Sunday, March 11th
- R.C.I.A. Christian Initiation of Adults**
Wednesday's, at 7:00 pm Parish Office
- Friday night BINGO: 650-464-0119**
Doors Open: 4:30 pm—Games Start: 7:00 pm
- Bible Study**
Saturday's at 9:30 am in the Parish Office
(Will resume in March)

HELP US REBUILD TONGA AFTER CYCLONE GITA

For more information about the Diocese of Tonga & Niue
 P.O Box 1, Nuku'alofa, Tonga
 Phone: 650-342-2470

There will be a special 2nd collection on March

SAN TIMOTEO EN ESPANOL

MINISTERIOS HISPANOS
 Rev. Deacon Abel (650) 342-2468 x23

FORMACION DE FE (CCD)
 Anamaria Park, R.E. Coordinator (650) 579-0901

Horas de oficina:
 Martes, Miercoles y Jueves 8 AM – 2:00 PM
 Miercoles: 6 PM – 8:30 PM Sabados 8 AM – 12 PM

FAITH FORMATION (CCD) OFFICE
 Anamaria Park, R.E. Coordinator (650) 579-0901

Office Hours:
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 AM – 2:00 PM
 Wednesday Evening 6 PM – 8:30 PM
 Saturdays 8 AM – 12 PM

ST. TIMOTHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 GRADES K-8
 Michelle Basile, Principal
 (650) 342-6567, www.sttimothyschool.org

The school is still accepting applications for 2018-2019 school year.
 Please visit to the school office to apply.

LENTEN RICE BOWL

In the spirit of almsgiving, consider supporting the Catholic Relief Services through our Lenten Rice Bowl Project. You can pick up your Rice Bowl Donation Boxes at the church entrances.



"CLIMBING SEASONS"
 March 11—8AM TO 2PM (lunch provided)
 Open to all from grades 6-12
 A Day of worship, service, fun and spiritual formation

Y.E.S. is now accepting donations for our Easter Egg Hunt: plastic eggs, individually wrapped candies and money donation. Please turn in donations at the parish office. We are having our annual "Egg Stuffing Potluck Party" on Saturday, March 17. This starts with 8am mass followed by potluck breakfast in the parish dining room. All are invited to come and help! Many hands make light work.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Rev. Deacon Faiva Po'oi, 650-867-4049
 For individuals interested in becoming Catholic, and for adult Catholics who have not yet received Eucharist or Confirmation.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE
A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**



Log on to our Website at www.sttims.us
Click on "Our Family" and scroll down to
"New Parishioner" OR fill out and return...

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Visit our Chapel (in the parish office)
for private prayer
Monday through Friday ~ 8:30am to 5:00pm

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM/BAUTISOS

Parents should call the Parish Office 3 months in advance.

Los padres deberan de informar a la oficina, con tres meses de anticipación.

CONFIRMATION/CONFIRMACION

Confirmation is now being offered to students entering the 8th grade and up if they have attended 7th grade religious education classes. Adults over 18 please contact Deacon Faiva, 650-867-4049.

Estamos recibiendo estudiantes para confirmacion del octavo grado en adelante con previa educacion religiosa en el septimo.

Adultos mayores de 18 años comuniquense con Deacon Faiva Po'oi.

MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIOS

Couples should call at least 6 months ahead of time.

Por favor avisenos con seis meses de anticipación.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK /UNCION A LOS ENFERMOS

For anyone experiencing chronic illness or preparing for medical treatment, or long term care, please call the parish office to arrange an appointment with a priest.

Toda persona experimentando una enfermedad cronica, tratamiento medico o atencion de largo plazo, por favor llame a la oficina para obtener una cita con el sacerdote.

 **MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Mr. Peter Mafi



**We are raffling off this 1998
Mercedes Benz SUV
Model 320 AS IS**

**Proceeds will help fund the Gym Restoration Project
(floor, paint, lights, curtains, etc.)**

**\$10/ticket or \$25/3
tickets or \$50/7 tickets
RAFFLE DATE: JULY 1, 2018**

Contact: 650-342-2468 or 650-576-6563

**Come and see the car in front of
St. Timothy Church after all
Sunday masses**



**St. Timothy's
Cache Creek Casino
March 10, 2018 (Saturday)**

Fee \$50 per person with \$10 slots credit
or \$20 table games and \$5 food voucher
except buffet

**Filipino Ministry
is sponsoring a casino trip.
proceeds will go towards the
gym restoration**

Pick-up and return at St. Timothy Parking Lot
Leave at 8:00am sharp & return approx.
at 5 - 5:30pm
Seating assignment available once payment
is received

Contact: Lorrie Allen - 415 828 0300
Brigitte Nager - 650 868 4978 Ophelia Zalamea - 650 814 5607