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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Entrance is located at SW corner of Rectory

WEBSITES

Parish: www.steugenes.com
School: www.steugenesch.org

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.

MASS TIMES

Daily Mass:	6:45 and 8:00 a.m.
Saturday:	8:00a.m; 4:30 p.m. & Sp.6:30 p. m.
Sunday:	7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Latin Mass:	5:30 p.m.
Sunday Latin Mass:	1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call 539-2772.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass.

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary is Monday – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

CATHEDRAL SHOPS

Cathedral Thrift Shop is open Tues & Wed 9:30 – 2:30
Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Fri 9:30-4:30, Sat 2:00-6:30 & Sun 9:30–1:30 - Phone: 542-0250

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 26, 2017

Today's Hymn numbers follow bulletin announcements

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY MARCH 26

Coffee Social—PLC -8:00 am—12:00 Noon
DVD Series—PLC Hope Rm.—10:00 am
Family Religious Education—School grounds -10:30 am
Latin Mass-Cathedral-1:30 pm

MONDAY MARCH 27

Rosary for Life-Chapel-9:00 am
Bible Study—PLC (Hope Rm) - 6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal-PLC-7:00 pm

TUESDAY MARCH 28

Women of the Word-Becker Ctr.- 9:30 am
Latin Mass—PLC—5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29

Legion of Mary-PLC-6:00 pm
Queen of the Angels—Becker Ctr. –6:15 pm

THURSDAY MARCH 30

Men's Schola-PLC-5:30 pm
Prayer Vigil -PLC (Faith Rm) - 7:00 pm
Adult Faith Formation-PLC—7:30 pm

FRIDAY MARCH 31

Friday Morning Scripture Study—PLC—9:30 am
Stations of the Cross - Cathedral—2:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Spanish—Cathedral—7:00 pm

SATURDAY APRIL 1

Confessions-Cathedral-3:30-4:30 pm
Spanish Mass-Cathedral-6:30 pm

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

~HELP US TO SERVE OTHERS~

Are you looking for something meaningful to do? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul may be what you are looking for! We serve those in our parish boundary with food, friendship, etc. Our office is open Monday-Friday from 1-2:00pm (located between the Thrift store and Adoration Chapel). Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at our office from noon to 1:00 pm. We have a free will offering at the meetings. The next meeting is 3/12. We hope to see you there! If interested call Rose Mary at 525-8065. Also, a big 'thank you' for your generous support of St Vincent de Paul Society last January. During the winter months we are called to not only help with food, but sometimes with utilities and other requests. Your donations makes this possible.

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 3/5/17	
Sunday Donations Received:	$15,820
2nd Collection Revenue Received for:	
Tuition Assistance	$ 2,784
Central & Eastern Europe	$ 2,821

~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

March is the first month of Lent. The book, *Why We Need Confession,* by Russell Shaw is the book of the month. Shaw says only through Confession may we regain harmony of soul & the grace lost by sin. Discounted 20% during March. The shop is open Wed-Fri from 9:30 am-4:30 pm, & Sun 9:30 am-1:30 pm. Closed on Saturdays until 5/6. Call us at 542-0250.

~CHARITABLE DONATIONS & TAX STATEMENTS~

St. Eugene's greatly appreciates your donations to the Sunday collections. A year-end list of donations suitable for tax purposes is provided to parishioners who use offertory envelopes, credit cards or online banking direct pay for Sunday collections. **NOTE**: Tax statements are sent to envelope users **upon request only**. If you wish to receive a tax statement, email office@steugenes.com or call 542-6984 ext. 13. Be sure to include the envelope number.

ST. EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

~REGISTRATION HAS STARTED~

St. Eugene's Cathedral School has started its registration process for the 2017-2018 school year. We are proud of our students and our school. We offer an excellent academic education with a challenging curriculum integrated with gospel values. We are accepting applications for all grades. Come by the office to pick up an application or call 545-7252, and we'll send an application to you. You can also go to: www.steugenesch.org -"Admissions". We have a screening process in the late spring for first time applicants entering grades 1-8, and we enter applicants for those grades by June and continue throughout the summer as openings arise.

~EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS~

Easter flower envelopes are in the pews and on the vestibule tables at both entrances of the church for those of you not receiving envelope packets or Easter mailings. Please legibly fill out the names of loved ones and return your envelopes in the collection plate next weekend (April 1 or 2) or to the Parish Office by noon, Wednesday, Apr. 5, to be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Envelope names received after this deadline will be listed in subsequent bulletins.

The bulletin item deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. E-mail items to: *office**@steugenes.com**. We reserve the right to edit or omit items.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	***March 25***
8:00 am	Respect Life, Annunciation
11:00 am	People of St. Eugene's
4:30 pm	Rene Mora Anguiano, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp.)	Rene Mora Anguiano, deceased
Sunday	***March 26***
7:30 am	Jack Bjornstrom, deceased
9:00 am	George Schirle, deceased
10:30 am	The People of St. Eugene's
12:00 pm	Deirdre McCormick, deceased
1:30 pm	Rene Mora Anguiano, deceased
5:30 pm	Anna Trang Nguyen, deceased
Monday	***March 27***
6:45 am	Jude & Joyce Mikal, deceased
8:00 am	McShane & Strong Families, living & deceased
Tuesday	***March 28***
6:45 am	Phil Skikos, living
8:00 am	Jose Gaglianone, deceased
5:30 pm	Lisa Tran, living
Wednesday	***March 29***
6:45 am	Russell & Mryann Sherman, deceased
8:00 am	Eugene Miller, deceased
Thursday	***March 30***
6:45 am	Robert Mann, deceased
8:00 am	Ordonez Family, living & deceased
Friday	***March 31***
6:45 am	Henry & Regina Arend, deceased
8:00 am	Mario Ordonez, deceased
Saturday	***April 1***
8:00 am	The Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima & the Diocese of Santa Rosa
4:30 pm	Carolyn Ciaccio Moore, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp.)	Rene Mora Anguiano, deceased

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Elaine Dolcini, Edward G. Urtiaga, Maureen Mardanyas, Alice Gordon, Cristina Mamuyac, Jeffrey Andrews, Thomas Timko, Jim Keegan, Irene Medina, Catherine Hubbard, Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Lynne Staley, Marie Tran, Pam Hall, Amelia Lansangan, Marv Kidweiler, Kathryn Acquistapace, Irene Gonzales, Gail Brown, Bob Del Santo, Patrick Grace, Albert and Lorena Gunido, Susana Garcia, Luigi Fabiano, Kubra Howell, Leo Del Santo, Bernie Del Santo, Daniel Velasquez, Emeline Jane Smith, Nina Marie Cantacessi, Lisa Adams, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Narci Giva, Bertha Harrington, Karen Mills, Linda Escobar, John Patrick and Valerie McGuire.

~NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING~

You are invited to put some "spring" in your marriage by going to the next Natural Family Planning class on Sunday, April 30, 2017, from 7-9 pm. Visit www.ccli.org to register for the English class in Santa Rosa. Questions? Please call 542-3635.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

~MASS OF THE CHRISM~

The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese, invites you to participate in the **Mass of the Chrism** here at St. Eugene's Cathedral on **Thursday, April 6, at 5:30 p.m.** This Mass is celebrated once a year and during the Mass, the Bishop blesses the oil of the Sick and the oil of Chrism. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood that the Bishop has received and it also signifies the unity the priests, who share in the same ministerial priesthood, have with the Bishop. During this Mass, the Diocesan and Religious priests renew their commitment of priestly service.

~33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY~

Join us on a 33-day journey to Marian consecration with four giants of Marian spirituality: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and St. Pope John Paul II. In his book, 33 Days to Morning Glory, Fr. Michael Gaitley masterfully summarizes their teaching, making it easy to grasp, and simple enough to put into practice. More specifically, he weaves their thought into a user-friendly, do-it-yourself retreat that will bless even the busiest of people. Join Fr. Gabriel Barrera as he leads us through the 33 Days to Morning Glory program so that we can be consecrated to Jesus through Mary on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The retreat begins on April 10. Our first meeting will be on April 9th, from 3:30—4:30 pm, in the Parish Life Center (PLC) - Charity Room. Books will be available at the meeting. After this initial meeting, we will meet each Monday, starting April 17th, from 5:30—6:30 pm, in the PLC.

~3 NIGHT MARIAN RETREAT~

Join theologian, John Galten, as he speaks on "The 100th Anniversary of Fatima, Then and Now (1917-2017). Learn about why Fatima is still relevant today, about Our Lady's peace plan and her role in salvation history and much more. Meetings will be March 28, 29 & 30, from 6:30—8:00pm at St. Sebastian Catholic Church in Sebastopol (7983 Covert Lane). Mass will be offered on Tuesday, March 28, at 6:00 pm. For more information, please call Cathleen at 829-2997.

~HOLY HOUR~

On the first Saturday of each month, from 1-2:00 pm, join us in the Adoration Chapel for a Holy Hour of Reparation.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

~ICF FUNDRAISER~

St. Eugene's Branch of the Italian Catholic Federation will hold its annual Spring Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, April 22nd. Join us for Chicken Cordon Bleu and Tortellini in the Msgr. Becker Center. Hosted cocktails will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are $20.00 for adults, $10.00 for children and no charge for children under 5. Tickets are available in the Parish Office, Monday—Friday, 9:00 am—4:00 pm or call Bill Scinto, 823-2275, by April 13th. The funds raised go to support scholarships, seminarians, Catholic Charities, Handicapables, St. Vincent de Paul and others.

SUNDAY MASS HYMNS

HYMNS AT 4:30 P.M.& 10:30 A.M.
ENTRANCE HYMN: #187 Missal
PREPARATION OF GIFTS: #254 Missal
COMMUNION HYMN: #186Missal
RECESSIONAL HYMN: #204Missal

HYMNS AT 12:00 P.M.
ENTRANCE HYMN: TBA
PREPARATION OF GIFTS: TBA
COMMUNION HYMN: TBA
RECESSIONAL HYMN: TBA

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

MORE THOUGHTS ON LENT

~FROM THE PASTOR~

Now that our new Sanctuary is finally in use, I am reminded how vital it is to have a place for the sacred, for the holy, in our lives. The article below, by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson, NJ, serves to remind us of how important this is. He points out how the spiritual world and the material world have drifted apart and how this effects all of us in our lives as individuals and as members of the Church.

~ARISTOTLE REJECTED~

"In the 17th century, Descartes, the father of modern philosophy, rejected the philosophical traditions of Aristotle and the Scholastics. For Descartes, the very fact that we think is the proof that we exist. *Cogito, ergo sum. I think, therefore I am.* He rejected the use of his senses as the basis for knowledge. In so doing, he wounded the unity between mind and body found in classical philosophy. Over the course of time, the wound has widened. The spiritual and the material have drifted apart. The sacred and the secular clearly divided."

~SACRED AND SECULAR~

"Besides modern philosophy, other factors have contributed to the separation of the sacred from the secular. The scientific manipulation of human life in test tubes has lessened the respect for life itself. Life is no longer, for some, a sacred gift from God. Likewise, the divorce of human sexuality from procreation, coupled with the continual campaign to redefine marriage has helped to push God out of the intimacies of human life. Marriage is no longer recognized as a sacred institution given by God for a man and woman to join with Him in bringing new life into the world. The sacredness of even the natural order as coming from the hands of an all-wise God is thus lost."

~CHURCH ECLIPSED~

"The anti-authoritarian prejudice that we have inherited from the social revolution of the '60's imprinted on many a deep mistrust not only of government but of Church. Some even reject the very idea of hierarchy (literally, "a sacred origin") as a spiritual authority established by God. As a result, Church means, for some, simply the assembly of like-minded believers who organize themselves and make their own rules and dogmas. Thus, the Church's role in the spiritual realm is greatly eclipsed."

~SACRED AND SECULAR~

"On the first day of the new millennium, Prince Charles of England said, "In an age of secularism, I hope, with all my heart, in a new millennium we will rediscover a sense of the sacred in all that surrounds us." He said he hoped this would hold true whether in growing crops, raising livestock, building homes in the countryside, treating disease or educating the young. He recognized by his statement that we have lost a sense of the sacred."

~TOXIC AIR~

"Living in our world, we breathe the toxic air that surrounds us. Even within the most sacred precincts of the Church, we witness a loss of the sense of the sacred. With the enthusiasm that followed the Second Vatican Council, there was a well-intentioned effort to make the liturgy modern. It became commonplace to say that the liturgy had to be relevant to the worshipper. Old songs were jettisoned. The guitar replaced the organ. Some priests even began to walk down the road of liturgical innovation, only to discover it was a dead end. And all the while, the awareness of entering into something sacred that has been given to us from above and draws us out of ourselves and into the mystery of God was gone."

~LOSS OF THE SENSE OF THE SACRED~

"Teaching about the Mass began to emphasize the community. The Mass was seen as a community meal. It was something everyone did together. Lost was the notion of sacrifice. Lost the awesome mystery of the Eucharist as Christ's sacrifice on the cross. The priest was no longer seen as specially consecrated. He was no different than the laity. With all of this, a profound loss of the sacred. Not one factor can account for the decline in Mass attendance, Church marriages, baptisms and funerals in the last years. But most certainly, the loss of the sense of the sacred has had a major impact."

~RECOVER THE SACRED~

"Walk into any church today before Mass and you will notice that the silence that should embrace those who stand in God's House is gone. Even the Church is no longer a sacred place. Gathering for Mass sometimes becomes as noisy as gathering for any other social event. We may not have the ability to do much about the loss of the sacredness of life in the songs, videos and movies of our day. But, most assuredly, we can do much about helping one another recover the sacredness of God's Presence in His Church. On the first day of this millennium, the Prince of Wales struck a strong note of optimism for the recovery of the sacred. Paraphrasing Dante, he remarked: "The strongest desire of everything, and the one first implanted by nature, is to return to its source. And since God is the source of our souls and has made it alike unto Himself, therefore this soul desires above all things to return to Him." There is one place where we can begin to rediscover the sacred." www.christianforums.com/threads/bishop-serratelli-on-the-loss-of-the-sacred.5551105/

THE ANNUNCIATION

~MARY'S FIAT~

When Mary signaled to Gabriel her acceptance of God's Will, Christ was conceived in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. While most of the fathers of the Church say that Mary's *fiat* was essential to God's plan of salvation, God foresaw Mary's acceptance of His Will from all eternity. The narrative of the Annunciation testifies powerfully to the truth of the Catholic tradition that Mary was indeed a virgin when Christ was conceived, but also that she intended to remain one perpetually. Mary's response to Gabriel—"How shall this be done, because I know not man?" (Luke 1:34) was universally interpreted by the fathers of the Church as a statement of Mary's resolution to remain a virgin forever.

~PLENARY INDULGENCE OFFERED~

A plenary indulgence is offered on Fridays in Lent for the Christian faithful who piously pray the below prayer in front of a Crucifix, after Communion:

BEHOLD, O good and sweetest Jesus,
I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight,
and with the most fervent desire of my soul
I pray and beseech Thee
to impress upon my heart
lively sentiments of faith,
hope and charity,
with true repentance for my sins
and a most firm desire of amendment:
whilst with deep affection and grief of soul
I consider within myself
and mentally contemplate
Thy five most precious Wounds,
having before mine eyes that which David, the prophet, long ago spoke in Thine own person concerning Thee, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones."

N20. §1. To gain a plenary indulgence, in addition to excluding all attachment to sin, even venial sin, it is necessary to perform the indulgenced work and fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.

§2. A single sacramental confession suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences; but Holy Communion must be received and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father must be recited for the gaining of each plenary indulgence.

§ 3. The three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work; it is, however, fitting that Communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day the work is performed.

§4. If the full disposition is lacking, or if the work and the three prescribed conditions are not fulfilled, saving the provisions given in Norm 24 and in Norm 25 regarding those who are "impeded," the indulgence will only be partial.

§5. The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary; nevertheless, *one has the option of reciting any other prayer according to individual piety and devotion, if recited for this intention*.

26 de Marzo del 2017
Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

PARA LA PARTICIPACION EN LA MISA

CREDO

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; Que por nosotros lo hombres, y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, Y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María la Virgen, y se hizo hombre; Y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato; padeció y fue sepultado, Y resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; Y de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, Que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y gloria, y que habló por los profetas.

Creo en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica y apostólica. Confieso que hay un solo Bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo futuro. **A**mén.

BAUTIZO

Preparación Pre-Bautismal en Español, para Padres y Padrinos en el Salón Parroquial (PLC)

Jueves 6 de Abril a las 7:00pm.

No niños.

Antes de hacer preparativos tienen que hablar a la oficina por lo menos 2 meses antes.

CUARESMA

Recuerden que durante la cuaresma, nos corresponde como Bautizados, tres básicas reglas.

- Ayuno
- Oración
- Limosna o caridad

Recuerden que los Viernes de Cuaresma se meditaran las Estaciones del Via Crusis en Español a las 7:00pm. en el salón parroquial (PLC).

Y en Ingles a las: 2:00pm. (PLC) y 6:00pm. En la Catedral.

***Desde el Escritorio del P. Roa*:**

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Leamos con atención uno de los tratados de San Agustín, Obispo, sobre el evangelio de San Juan. El Señor dice: Yo soy la luz del mundo; el que me sigue no camina en tinieblas, sino que tendrá la luz de la vida. Esta breve sentencia contiene un mandato y una promesa. Cumplamos, pues, lo que nos manda, y así tendremos derecho a esperar lo que nos promete. No sea que nos diga el día del juicio: «¿Ya hiciste lo que te mandaba, pues que esperas alcanzar lo que prometí?» «¿Qué es lo que mandaste, Señor, Dios nuestro?» Te dice: «Que me siguieras.» Has pedido un consejo de vida. ¿Y de qué vida sino de aquella acerca de la cual está escrito: En ti está la fuente viva? Por consiguiente, ahora que es tiempo, sigamos al Señor; deshagámonos de las amarras que nos impiden seguirlo. Pero nadie es capaz de soltar estas amarras sin la ayuda de aquel de quien dice el salmo: Rompiste mis cadenas. Y como dice también otro salmo: El Señor liberta a los cautivos, el Señor endereza a los que ya se doblan. Y nosotros, una vez libertados y enderezados, podemos seguir aquella luz de la que afirma: Yo soy la luz del mundo; el que me sigue no camina en tinieblas, sino que tendrá la luz de la vida. Porque el Señor abre los ojos al ciego. Nuestros ojos, hermanos, son ahora iluminados por el colirio de la fe. Para iluminar al ciego de nacimiento, primero le untó los ojos con tierra mezclada con saliva. También nosotros somos ciegos desde nuestro nacimiento de Adán, y tenemos necesidad de que él nos ilumine. Mezcló saliva con tierra. La Palabra se hizo carne y puso su morada entre nosotros. Mezcló saliva con tierra; por eso estaba escrito: La verdad brota de la tierra; y él mismo dijo: Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Disfrutaremos de la posesión de la verdad cuando lo veamos cara a cara, ya que también esto se nos ha prometido. Pues, ¿cómo nos atreveríamos a esperar lo que Dios no se hubiera dignado prometernos o darnos? Veremos cara a cara, como dice el Apóstol: Al presente conozco imperfectamente, como en un espejo y borrosamente; entonces lo veremos cara a cara. Y el apóstol Juan dice en su carta: Queridos hermanos, ahora somos hijos de Dios y aún no se ha manifestado lo que seremos. Sabemos que, cuando se manifieste, seremos semejantes a él, porque lo veremos tal cual es. Se trata, en verdad, de una gran promesa; si lo amas, síguelo. «Lo amo -me respondes-, mas, ¿por dónde he de seguirlo?» Si el Señor, tu Dios, te hubiese dicho: «Yo soy la verdad y la vida», tú, deseoso de esta verdad y de esta vida, tendrías razón de decirte a ti mismo: «Gran cosa es la verdad, gran cosa es la vida; ¡si hubiese un camino para llegar a ellas!» ¿Preguntas cuál es el camino? Fíjate que el Señor dice en primer lugar: Yo soy el camino. Antes de decirte a donde, te indica por donde: Yo soy -dice- el camino. ¿El camino hacia dónde? La verdad y la vida. Primero dice por donde has de ir, luego a donde has de ir. Yo soy el camino, yo soy la verdad, yo soy la vida. Permaneciendo junto al Padre, es verdad y vida; haciéndose hombre, se hizo camino. No se te dice: «Esfuérzate en hallar el camino, para que puedas llegar a la verdad y a la vida»; no, ciertamente. ¡Levántate, perezoso! El camino en persona vino a ti, te despertó del sueño, si es que ha llegado a despertarte; levántate, pues, y camina. Quizá te esfuerzas en caminar y no puedes, porque te duelen los pies. ¿Por qué te duelen? ¿No será porque, movidos por la avaricia, han recorrido lugares escabrosos? Pero aquel que es la Palabra de Dios curó también a los cojos. «Resulta -dirás- que tengo sanos los pies, pero no acierto a ver el camino.» Piensa entonces que también abrió los ojos al ciego.