



**LEGION OF MARY
SACRAMENTO COMITIUM
March 2021 Newsletter**

Monthly Meeting: **No 990, Sunday, March 21st. at 2:00pm**
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Br. Eligio Valdez is inviting you to our scheduled monthly Comitium Zoom meeting.

When: **March 21, 2021 at 02:00 PM** Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

On your computer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86750200495?pwd=TTRHdDNTRzdkQ3NSRVZoTm9NcmIFdz09>

Meeting ID: **867 5020 0495**

Passcode: **758891**

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Our annual Acies Dedication - at Joseph's Parish, Elk Grove on Saturday March 27th at 10am

With the partial relaxation of Covid-19 measures, we are going to have our Annual Comitium Acies at St. Joseph's Elk Grove on Saturday March 27th at 10am.

The usual limitations of the current Covid regulations will, of course, be in place. Safe distancing, wearing masks, no singing, except by the cantor (we can really enjoy & appreciate Leslie's beautiful voice!) and sadly, no potluck afterwards.

We hope to have Praesidia from other Curia joining us at St Joseph and also on "Live Stream", as not all our Curia are able to have their own Acies again this year.

Live at <https://stjoseph-elkgrove.net>

If the regulations change, whether good or bad, we will follow them meticulously.

Who Is God? A Holy Week Reflection

That is the irrepressible question which lies at the center of every human heart, found in every culture of every age; it is therefore a universal question. And it is a question of unparalleled importance.

Whether admitted or not, whether embraced or not, we cannot achieve our human fullness apart from seriously considering the question of who God is. To attempt to ignore or bury this question is futile; for it will again rise to the surface: "Where can I hide from your spirit? From your presence, where can I flee?" (Ps. 139:7). If we do not ardently seek to answer this highest and most pressing question, we shall have failed miserably, and thus remain stunted, incomplete, unsatisfied and pitifully unhappy.

Therefore to despise the question is to turn from light toward darkness; it is to trade infinite and lasting beauty for evanescent created objects; it is to stifle, reduce and even constrict the intellect and its exalted potential to one of an unfulfilled state of dreary isolation; it is to self-define our own being as less than fully human and thus grovel in the murky depths of a paltry, near beastly existence. Simply, we cannot achieve the exalted status for which God has destined us apart from answering this question. Therefore the goal of human nature is to do so.

However, some merely want to know what God is, as if defining God or understanding something of his attributes is satisfactory; but that is not enough. For to be fully human is to strive to not only answer this question, but go far beyond it, reaching into God himself through a participation in God's own divine life by the free gift of grace. Yes, we need -- in fact crave -- not to know simply what God is but rather who he is.

Given God's transcendence and complete lack of dependence on anything outside of himself, how is it possible for mere mortals to know the eternal, omnipotent and omniscient God who is Creator of all that is visible and invisible? Some would, therefore, insist that this question of "who is God?" is unanswerable. I beg to differ. If we look upon Christ crucified, the boundless yet paradoxical love of the infinite God for mere finite men is revealed in astonishing brilliance. In Christ the self-gift of God to mankind is unveiled. Indeed, we can hope to know God! For the Son of God assumed human flesh and became man: in these last days God has spoken to us by his Son, who "reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature" (Heb. 1:2-3).

Catholic Online/ Easter / Lent <https://www.catholic.org/lent/story.php?id=59315>

Another reminder, have you taken the Diocese of Sacramento on-line refresher certification of your Safe Haven responsibility? If not, please consider taking it very soon. If we are delinquent in this matter, technically, we are not permitted by the Diocese to perform much of our Legion of Mary ministry!

To Everyone, please do your best to join the Comitium Zoom Meeting. Remember, the technology enables you to join through your cell phone or regular phone, you do not have to have a computer to make the connection. See the instructions at the beginning of this Newsletter!!

Looking forward to seeing (or hearing) you on Sunday, March 21st on Zoom and on March 27th in person!

Br. Charles McGloughlin, Comitium President.

3.9.2021

P.S. Please make sure that this Newsletter is shared with your Curia members & is distributed in print to all your Praesidia.

Br. Charles