

2nd Sunday of Lent

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself? Are we like the Pharisees or the older son who resents the Father's prodigal love for all sinners?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, shower and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Mary Beth is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see her today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry with her, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/A2-L-02.html>



Reflection

Each year on the 2nd Sunday of Lent we read one of the accounts of the Transfiguration of Christ. This weekend we read Matthew's account of this event. The basic details are the same in each of the Gospel accounts of the Transfiguration. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain. (In the scriptures, mountains were often the place for an encounter with God.) While there, Jesus was transfigured before their eyes --- "his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold Moses and Elijah appeared to them conversing with him." After Peter voiced his desire to stay in the experience, a voice from a cloud announced: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." After the experience was over, Jesus charged his disciples: "*Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.*"

I believe there are moments in each of our lives that are moments of great grace --- times when we see or experience things on a deeper level and feel God's presence. These moments don't occur regularly and certainly not often. They are not under our control, but they are "transfiguring" moments, nonetheless. Our "transfiguring" moments may not be of the same intensity as that of Peter, James and John, but I believe they are no less real.

For our first reading for this 2nd Sunday of Lent we always read a section of the story of the call of Abram (soon to be Abraham). God told him: "*I will make of you a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and curse those who curse you.*"

Our second reading this weekend is from the second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy. In the opening sentence of our reading for this weekend Timothy is admonished: "*Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.*"

Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

1. As I mentioned above, I believe we all have "transfiguring" moments in our lives ---- certainly not as intense or to the same degree as Peter, James and John, but no less real. When have you had a "transfiguring" experience in your life?
2. How many people have you told about your "transfiguring" experience? If you're like most people, it is a very limited number (if anyone at all). Why is it hard for us to talk about these experiences?
3. When you have had to bear a hardship did you find the strength that comes from God?

https://www.mary.org/blog/202003/thoughts-readings-2nd-sunday-lent-2020#.XI_5UEBFyUk

Calendario Breve

- Rezo del Santo Rosario media hora antes de las dos misas diarias de lunes a sábado.
- Guerreros de la Oración ofrecen una reflexión el primer lunes de mes de 4 a 4:45pm en el Templo.
- La Pastoral de la Salud se reúne el 2do lunes de mes a las 9am en la Terraza Parroquial.
- Estudios Bíblicos: los lunes, a las 7:30pm en la biblioteca de la Academia.
- Circulo de Oración los jueves 7pm en la Capilla.
- El Ministerio del Sagrado Corazón se reúne los primeros viernes de mes para la misa de 8:00am en el Templo.
- Tendremos el **Via Crucis** todos los **viernes** durante la Cuaresma al finalizar la Misa de 8:00am.
- La Cofradía de Nuestra Señora del Carmen se reúne el primer sábado de mes a las 7:30am en el Templo.
- La Comunidad de la Misa de las 9:30am invita a su próximo desayuno el segundo domingo de mes al finalizar la Misa.
- La Comunidad de la Misa de las 8:00am invita a su próximo desayuno el tercer domingo de mes al finalizar la Misa.

Calendario Breve de Jardines de San Francisco

- Rezo del Santo Rosario 40 minutos antes de la Misa dominical.
- Reunión de CVX el primer y tercer lunes de mes a las 7:15pm.
- Catequesis de niños todos los miércoles en el Centro de 5 a 6pm.
- Estudios Bíblicos todos los miércoles a las 7:15pm, usando el libro, "Grupos de Jesús" de José Antonio Pagola.
- Se ofrecerá un **Día de Reflexión** con **P. Flavio Bravo, SJ** en **Jardines de San Francisco**, el sábado, 28 de marzo de 3:00 a 6:00pm.



Guerreros de la Oración



Intención del Papa Francisco Para el mes de marzo 2020

Intención de oración por la evangelización: Los católicos en China. Recemos para que la Iglesia en China persevere en la fidelidad al Evangelio y crezca en unidad.

ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES

- Quedan 3 tandas de los **Ejercicios Espirituales en la Vida Diaria de 7-días** que se ofrecerán durante la Cuaresma. Las próximas tandas serán Marzo 8-14; 15-21; y 22-28. Las reuniones de orientación serán los domingos 8, 15, y 22 de marzo a la 1:30pm en el Centro Parroquial.
- El **P. Ambert, junto a la Dra. Tamara Acosta**, solicitan la ayuda de nuestra comunidad parroquial para las víctimas del terremoto de **Guanica**. Se necesita arroz, habichuelas, atún y comida enlatada. Pueden dejar sus donativos en el **Centro Parroquial**.
- La Cofradía de Ntra Señora del Carmen invita a: #1- a una **charla** sobre el **Pecado** por el Padre Fernando Barreto, SJ, el sábado, **7 de marzo a las 9am** en el Templo. #2- a una **peregrinación** al **Santuario de la Divina Providencia** el **jueves, 19 de marzo**, saliendo de nuestra Parroquia a las **11:30 am** para llegar a la celebración de la Santa Misa al mediodía.
- La próxima **Movie Night** será el **viernes, 13 de marzo** La a las 7pm en el Centro Parroquial. La película será, **Jerzy Papielowski: Messenger of Truth**.
- Se ofrecerá un **Día de Reflexión** con **P. Flavio Bravo, SJ** en **Jardines de San Francisco**, el sábado, 28 de marzo de 3:00 a 6:00pm.
- Pongan en su calendario la fecha de la **Cena Pascual Judía** que tendrá lugar el jueves, 2 de abril, justo una semana antes de Jueves, Santo.
- Se ofrece un **retiro de 8 días en silencio** del 21 al 28 de julio 2020 en la Casa Fernando. El recurso es el P. Hermann Rodríguez, SJ. Para mas información, favor de contactar al **P. Flavio Bravo, SJ** al **fbravosj@gmail.com**
- **Retiro Espiritual en Año Mariano**: Apunte en su calendario el retiro mariano que está preparando el P. Larry a través de Miranda Travel. Entre el 13 y el 30 de julio de este Año Mariano. **Se necesita pasaporte vigente. La próxima reunión será EL SÁBADO, 21 DE MARZO A LAS 3PM** en Miranda Travel, 809 Ave. Fernández Juncos. Para más información, llame a 787-722-4999.



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Favor de informarle a la Oficina Parroquial de los enfermos y de los fallecidos para que podamos anunciarlos en el boletín. Gracias.