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Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Asst.- Jocelyn Vera- English
From the first week of
September through the
last week of May

THE JUDEAN
DESERT
WESTERN ISRAEL

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.

MATTHEW 4:1

MARCH 1
2020

DESIERTO
DE JUDEA
ISRAEL OCCIDENTAL

Jesús fue conducido por el Espíritu al desierto,
para ser tentado por el demonio.

MATEO 4:1

FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT

1º DE MARZO
DE 2020

PRIMER DOMINGO
DE CUARESMA

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Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Dominic, Houston, TX, a multi-cultured community, joined together by faith in Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church, commit ourselves to help each other grow in the understanding of our faith, celebrate this faith in Liturgy and live it out by using the gifts of each person in the service of others, especially those in need, so that in the end, we may become truly a community of faith: truly the people of God and be of service to all!

Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday -English 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday - **English** 8:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
Español 9:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m. English
Wednesday 7:00 pm English

Liturgy of the Hours:

Morning Prayer: Sunday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer: Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
& Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Devotions: Rosary of the Virgin Mary:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting: Spanish - Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Novena to the Sacred Heart:

During the Friday morning Holy Mass

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

After Wednesday Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Weekly Holy Hour:

Thursday 8:30 -9:30 a.m.
First Friday -9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Sacrament:

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:45 pm Saturday-5:00-5:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents & Sponsors please register one week in advance.

English Baptism Class: First Tuesday & Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

English Baptism Celebration:

Third Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Clase Pre Bautismal:

Primer Martes y Jueves del mes a las 7:00 p.m.

Bautismos Español:

Segundo Sábado del mes al las 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Marriage – Quinceañera Celebrations

Call the Parish office 6 months in advance to schedule appointment with priest.

Sacrament of the anointing of the sick

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for communion to be brought to your home or to the hospital.

Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish, please register at the office.
Monday –Friday 8:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.

Deacon in Formation: Rogelio Mendez

Pre -Baptismal Registration

Must register in the parish office,

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am –3:30 pm a week prior to the class.
Bring child's birth certificate; required to register

Sponsors if married must be married by the Catholic Church and marriage certificate required.

If single they must be at least 16, and bring copy of their Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

Parents and godparents must attend two pre-baptismal classes held 1st Tuesday & Thursday of the month at 6:30 - 9:30 pm.

Donation for class is \$75.00

Baptism celebration 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

Child being baptized can not be older than 7 yrs. Old.

Children 7 years and older must be prepared through the parish Catechism Program. (Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston)

Información Pre- Bautismal - Pase a la oficina parroquial
Lunes –Viernes, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm una semana antes de la clase. Es requerido presentar la acta de nacimiento del niño/a quien van a bautizar.

Padrinos Si están casados

deben estar casados por la iglesia Católica es requerido presentar la acta de matrimonio.

Si son solteros deben tener por lo menos 16 años y presentar su acta de Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación.

Papas y Padrinos tienen que asistir a dos pláticas pre-bautismales el primer martes y jueves del mes de 6:30-9:30 pm. **Donación** para la platica: \$75.00

Bautismos el segundo Sábado del mes a las 9:00 am

Niños sin bautizar no deben ser mayores de 7 años de edad.

Niños deben recibir catecismo en el programa de la parroquia. (Guías de Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston)

Presentación de Tres Años

Cuarto domingo del mes durante la misa de 1:00 p.m.

Pasa a la oficina y presente acta de bautismo para registrase

Sacrament of Marriage: Register at least 6 months in advance; drop by the office and fill out form and be ready to meet the pastor; Pick up wedding information check-list.

Quinceañera Celebrations: The family must be registered in the parish for a period of three (3) months prior to the date of the first preparation session. The candidate should register for her/his Quince Años ceremony on or before her/his 14th birthday. The candidate must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and must have received First Eucharist prior to the time of the ceremony. If the honoree has not received the Sacrament of Communion, she/he should be enrolled to prepare to receive the sacrament before the Quince Años ceremony. The candidate must attend and complete preparation sessions with the coordinator and must join our parish youth program. Pick up Quinceañera information check-list.

Pray For

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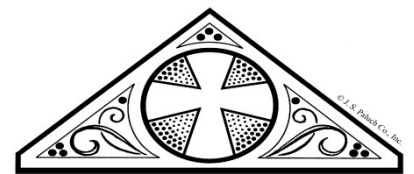
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From The Pastor



Dear Friends of St. Dominic,

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil. Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted. Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

Rev. Roger Estorque



Queridos amigos de St. Dominic,

En cada uno de los tres evangelios sinópticos (Marcos, Mateo y Lucas), después del bautismo de Jesús por Juan, se dice que Jesús fue al desierto a ayunar y orar durante 40 días. En cada caso, mientras que en el desierto, Jesús es tentado por el diablo. Mateo y Lucas dan más detalles que Marcos, pero cada uno cuenta cómo el diablo tienta a Jesús en el desierto. En Mateo, como en Lucas, el diablo presenta tres tentaciones a Jesús. El diablo tienta a Jesús a usar su poder para apaciguar su hambre; él tienta a Jesús poner a prueba la promesa de protección de Dios; y le ofrece a Jesús todos los reinos del mundo si Jesús adora al diablo. En cada caso, Jesús resiste la tentación, reprendiendo al diablo con palabras de las Escrituras.

El relato de la tentación de Jesús en el desierto. está lleno de alusiones y paralelos a lo viejo Testamento, incluyendo la historia de la gente de Israel. Los israelitas pasaron 40 años vagando en el desierto en Éxodo, por ejemplo, y Jesús pasa 40 días en el desierto. Como los israelitas fuimos tentados durante el Éxodo, también Jesús tentado Cada tentación ofrece una visión tanto de Dios como de la condición humana. El rechazo de Jesús de las tentaciones muestra que no pondrá a Dios a prueba. Basándose en la palabra y autoridad de la Escritura, Jesús reprende al diablo, confía en la protección y fidelidad de Dios.

Cuando comenzamos nuestro viaje a través de la Cuaresma, nuestras lecturas dominicales nos llaman a adoptar la misma confianza que Jesús tenía ante la tentación: la palabra de Dios por sí sola será suficiente; Se puede confiar en la promesa de protección de Dios; Dios solo es Dios.

Rev. Roger Estorque



INTENCIONES DE LA MISA



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Saturday

8:00 am

6:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am

9:30 am

11:15 am

1:00 pm

Monday

8:00 am

Tuesday

8:00 am

Wednesday

7:00 pm

Thursday

8:00 am

7:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am

8:30 am

7:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am

6:00 pm

February 29th

† All Souls/Difuntos

Birthday-Paloma Valles/Fam. Valles

Birthday-Isabella Duran/Fam. Valles

March 1st

† Antonio Gonzalez/Carlos Gonzalez

† Epifanio Perfecto/Fam. Aguirre

† Felicitas Rodriguez/Familia Rodriguez

Pro- Populo/For the People

† Socorro Chavarria/Hilda Canut

† Ramona Garcia/David Trejo

† Belen Garcia/Fam. Vergara Cervantes

March 2nd Julian Calendar Lent begins

† All Souls/Difuntos

March 3rd St. Katharine Drexel

† All Souls/Difuntos

March 4th St. Casimir

† All Souls/Difuntos

March 5th

† All Souls/Difuntos

Asamblea de Oración

March 6th

† All Souls/Difuntos

Way of the Cross

All Adoration-Adoración del Santísimo

Way of the Cross/Via Crucis - Bilingüe

March 7th Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

† All Souls/Difuntos

† Alberta Montoya/Family



Monday

7:00 pm

Tuesday

5:30 pm

5:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:45 pm

7:00 pm

Wednesday

7:00 pm

6:45 pm

Thursday

10:00 am

5:30 pm

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

Friday

4:00 pm

5:30 pm

7:00 pm

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

9:45 am

11:30 am

March 2nd

MFCC Junta de Federacion

March 3rd

Coro Voces de Jubilo/Mr. Puente

Legion de Maria-Spanish

Baptismal Class English & Spanish

RCIC, RCIT RCIA Class English & Spanish

Ignite/Enciende Donor Reception

March 4th

Formación de Asamblea

Confirmation I & II Class

March 5th

AMSIF

Legion of Mary-English

Baptismal Class English & Spanish

Youth Group

Ignite/Enciende Ministry Reception

March 6th

Fish Fry/Platillos de Pescado Frito

NO-1st Communion English & Spanish class

Bazaar -Meeting /Reunión

March 7th

MFCC Junta Federal

March 8th

OEC English PRE-K- 8TH Grade

OEC Spanish PRE-K-5TH



**NEXT WEEK END—MARCH 8- SUNDAY –
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**

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2/23/2020

1st

2nd

6:00 pm \$1,287.00 \$ 329.60

8:00 am \$1262.75 \$ 246.00

9:30 am \$ 965.84 \$ 408.96

11:15 am \$1,980.02 \$ 303.05

1:00 pm \$1,094.50 \$ 340.00

Total \$6,590.11 \$1,626.61

ST. DOMINIC

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list, have a visit, homebound, and receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing. Call the Parish office - 281-458-2910

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Favor de pasar al la oficina por lo menos un semana antes de fecha de intención. No le de su intención a ultima hora al lector. El nombre de intención debe aparecer en el boletín.

El boletín es enviado a imprenta en lunes para edición del próximo domingo.

La donación mínima por intención son \$5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Please come by the office at least a week prior to date that you want intention mentioned. Please do not give name to lector last minute before intentions are mentioned. Names will appear in the bulletin.

Bulletin is sent to press on Monday of the week before Sunday edition.

Minimum Donation per intention of \$5.00

LA ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

Se reúne cada Jueves
a las 7:00 pm en la
iglesia. Venga a las
alabanzas y charlas
de diferentes predicadores



ST DOMINIC PARISH LIFE CENTER

Our parish Life Center is a great benefit to our parishioners. It is not only used for monthly meetings of church and local organizations, but also for funerals, family reunions, weddings, quinceañeras and other important events at a great rate.

ST DOMINIC PARISH LIFE CENTER IS NOW
AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL PLEASE CALL THE PARISH
OFFICE AT 281-458-2910
FOR RENTAL INFORMATION

OUR Parish Life Center Hall features the perfect ambiance for a wedding reception, quinceañeras, birthday party, dance or banquet/ball. Amenities include 40 round tables, ten rectangular tables, chairs, portable staging. Our full service kitchen is perfect for staging large catering events held in the Parish Life Center Hall.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS Leaders & Time

Altar Servers: Mercedes Flores -Spanish

Clem & Cecile Monta English 3rd Saturday 9:00 am.

E. M. of Holy Communion:- Mary LeBlanc -English

E. M. de Eucaristia: Uriel & Lucila Duran

Lectors English: Gale Lamanilao

Lectores Spanish: Rogelio Mendez

Liturgy English Music: Melner Calvo, Sundays 5 :00 pm

Liturgia Musica Espanol: Valentin Cobos, Jesus Puente, Elias Tello

Ushers/Greeters English: Parish Youth Group

Acomodadores Español: Salvador Guzman, Clementina Magallon

Offertory Collection Counters: Gloria Casey

Parish Pastoral Council- Rogelio Mendez, 1st. Monday 6:00 pm

Parish Finance Council: Hector Hernandez quarterly & as necessary

Baptismal classes- English Melner Calvo, Alex Bozon, Clem Monta

Clases Pre -Bautismales Español Edith & Victor Leon, Hugo & Imelda Duron

Catholic Daughters: Mary Edmond 3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm

Family Ministry- Melner Calvo

Knights of Columbus: Elpidio Alcantar, 1st. Sunday 9: 30 am

Legion of Mary- Esmeralda Ramirez, Saturday 9:00 a.m. English

Legion de Maria - Angelita Gonzalez, Martes 7:00 p.m. Español

Facilities Maintenance: Daron Monteilh & Raymond Helfrich

Asamblea De Oración, Jesus & Ma. Dolores Velasquez Jueves 7:00 pm

MFCC St. Dominic: Gerardo y Esmeralda Marroquin

Hispanic Ministry Coordinator: Salvador Manzo

Parish Youth Ministry: Thursday 7:00 pm Rosana Gonzales, Elda Briggs, Arlett Hernandez

Clase Pre-Nupcial : Jose y Silvia Cervantes

Pre-Nuptial Class: English Melner Calvo, Clem Monta, Alex Bozon

Nullity Sponsors: Clem Monta & Alex Bozon

Vocation:

Evangelization: Salvador Manzo

Pro-Life Gabriel: Rosana Gonzalez

Parents Faith Formation:

Rogelio Mendez-Spanish

Disaster Coordinator: Salvador Manzo,

Raymond Helfrich, Juan Hernandez,

Elda Briggs, Francisca Fortuno,

Rosana Gonzalez



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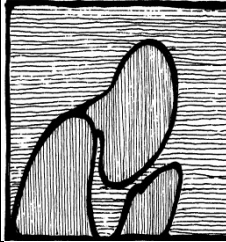
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Banns

Rite of Institution as Candidate for Rogelio Mendez
It is herewith announced that Rogelio Mendez, a candidate for the order of deacon, if any persons knows of serious reason why this candidate should not be called to this ministry, please notify:



Deacon George Silva,
director of Formation office
of the Permanent Diaconate
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
713-686-4345

george.silva@smseminary.com
Please keep Rogelio in your prayers.

Amonestaciones

Rito de la institución como candidato para Rogelio Méndez Se anuncia por la presente que Rogelio Méndez, un candidato para la orden del diácono, si alguna persona sabe de alguna razón seria por la cual este candidato no debería ser llamado a este ministerio, por favor notifique:

Diácono George Silva,
director de la oficina de formación
del diaconado permanente
Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston
713-686-4345 george.silva@smseminary.com
Por favor, mantenga a Rogelio en sus oraciones .

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God bless each of you who have so generously responded in support of the 2020 Diocesan Services Fund. If you have heard Christ's call and have not yet responded, please do so today. To give online, please visit www.archgh.org/dsf. Help us attain our parish goal of \$ 34,000!

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Dios bendiga a todos quienes han generosamente respondido en apoyo al Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos 2020. Si usted ha escuchado el llamado de Cristo pero todavía no ha respondido, por favor hágalo hoy. Para donar en línea, por favor visite www.archgh.org/dsf. ¡Ayúdenos a alcanzar nuestra meta

OEC REMINDER RECORDATORIO DE OEC



SUNDAY MARCH 8
RITE OF ELECTION
VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 6:00 PM
1ST SCRUTINY – ST DOMINIC CHURCH
SATURDAY MARCH 21, 6:00 PM
2ND SCRUTINY- ST DOMINIC CHURCH

FRIDAY MARCH 27, 6:00 PM
SATURDAY 28, 8:00 AM
SUNDAY 29, 8:00 AM
CONFIRMATION RETREAT

SATURDAY MARCH 28, 6:00 PM
3RD SCRUTINY- ST DOMINIC CHURCH

SATURDAY APRIL 4, 1:00 PM
1ST COMMUNION ENGLISH & SPANISH RETREAT

SATURDAY APRIL 4, 1:00 PM
RCIA PARENT & SPONSOR RETREAT
ALL RCIC, RCIT, RCIA STUDENTS

SUNDAY APRIL 5, PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY APRIL 11, 8:30 PM
EASTER VIGIL RITES – ST DOMINIC CHURCH

SUNDAY APRIL 19, 8:00 AM
SPRING FESTIVAL -PARISH GROUNDS

SATURDAY APRIL 25, 1:00 PM
1ST COMMUNION PARENT SPONSOR RETREAT

SATURDAY MAY 2, 2:00 PM-7:00 PM
CONFIRMATION SPONSOR/CANDIDATE RETREAT

FRIDAY MAY 8, 5:30 PM
ENGLISH 1ST COMMUNION REHEARSAL

SATURDAY MAY 9, 10:00 AM
ENGLISH FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

SATURDAY MAY 9, 6:00 PM
CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

FRIDAY MAY 15, 5:30 PM
ENSAYO DE 1^º COMUNIÓN

SATURDAY MAY 16, 10:00 AM
CELEBRACIÓN DE PRIMERA COMUNIÓN ESPAÑOL

First Sunday of Lent

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

BEING LIKE GOD

The story of Adam and Eve, in Genesis 2 and 3, considers the origins of the trials and sufferings that we experience in human life. Part of the problem, the story suggests, is the human effort to be like God. Humans are therefore forbidden to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The story is quite a contrast from Genesis 1, which proclaims that we are made in the image and likeness of God, and called to seek to become more like God. This creates a tension that points to a challenge in our life of faith: we are created both to embody God by developing our God-given human capacities, and also to live in radical trust and dependence on God. We are called to embrace and to live into this tension.

GOD'S BELOVED

When the people of Israel were freed from Egypt, they were declared to be God's chosen and beloved people. They wandered in the desert for forty years, often with great resistance, as God prepared them to enter the Promised Land.

Jesus' forty days in the desert echoes their story, and offer a contrast. At his baptism, just before being led into the desert by the Spirit, Jesus was declared by a voice from the heavens to be God's "beloved Son." So, twice in today's passage, he is lured with the words "If you are the Son of God . . ." The devil tempts Jesus to re-define his sonship of God on his own terms, instead of following his Father. Israel had failed to understand its identity as God's people, but Jesus demonstrates how to live as God's Beloved.

These contrasting stories of Israel and of Jesus present us with a challenge. We are regularly tempted to redefine our identity as Christians on our own terms, to make faith comfortable and non-threatening. This Lenten season can re-mind us to allow God to transform our minds and hearts on God's terms.

Today's Readings: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

La temporada de Cuaresma es una nueva invitación a explorar nuevamente quién es Dios, quiénes somos y qué significa ser humano. Comenzamos escuchando la trágica historia de los primeros humanos en el libro de Génesis. Como Pablo describe en Romanos, nuestras luchas comenzaron cuando nuestros antepasados rompieron el vínculo de la unidad con Dios, buscaron la autosuficiencia y se separaron de su verdadero propósito e identidad. En el Evangelio de Mateo, vemos cómo Jesús resiste el atractivo de vivir fuera de la unidad con Dios. Jesús rechaza las falsas promesas de posesiones, poder y estatus. En cambio, pone su vida en las manos de su padre. Como nuestro modelo para vivir como una persona totalmente humana, Jesús demuestra que hemos sido creados para vivir en relación con Dios y confiar en él, y en armonía con y para toda la creación.

SIENDO COMO DIOS

La historia de Adán y Eva, en el libro del Génesis 2 y 3, es considerada como el origen del juicio y sufrimiento que experimentamos en la vida humana. Parte del problema, sugiere la historia, es el esfuerzo humano por ser como Dios. Por lo tanto, a los humanos se les prohíbe comer del árbol del conocimiento del bien y del mal. La historia es absolutamente un contraste de Génesis 1, donde se proclama que somos hechos a imagen y semejanza de Dios, y llamados a buscar hacernos más como Dios. Esto crea una tensión que se dirige a un reto en nuestra vida de fe: somos creados tanto para encarnar a Dios desarrollando nuestras capacidades humanas dadas por Dios, y también para vivir una confianza radical y dependencia en Dios. Estamos llamados a aceptar y vivir en esta tensión.

LOS AMADOS DE DIOS

Cuando el pueblo de Israel fue liberado de Egipto, fueron proclamados ser los elegidos por Dios y pueblo amado. Durante cuarenta años deambularon en el desierto, frecuentemente con gran resistencia, y Dios los preparó para entrar a la Tierra Prometida.

Los cuarenta días de Jesús en el desierto refleja esta historia, y ofrece un contraste. En su bautismo, justo antes de ser guiado al desierto por el Espíritu, Jesús fue declarado por una voz del cielo ser el "Hijo amado" de Dios. Así que dos veces en el pasaje de hoy, él es tentado con las palabras "¿Sí eres el Hijo de Dios . . ." El diablo tienta a Jesús para redefinir su filiación de Dios en sus propios términos, en lugar de seguir a su Padre. Israel falló en entender su identidad como el pueblo de Dios, pero Jesús demuestra cómo vivir como el amado de Dios.

Estas historias contrastantes de Israel y de Jesús nos presenta un reto. Regularmente estamos tentados a redefinir nuestra identidad como cristianos en nuestros propios términos, para hacer a la fe confortable y no amenazante. Este tiempo de Cuaresma podemos recordarnos permitir que Dios transforme nuestras mentes y corazones en los términos de Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



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