

“But I say to you,
love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute you.”

Matthew 5:44





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Message from Deacon William

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we approach the beginning of this beautiful liturgical season of Lent, the Word of God invites us to reflect more deeply on the actions of our lives. In the first reading today, a proposal is made to us:

"Be holy, for I, the Lord, am holy." What can be done to achieve this goal? On one occasion Jesus was asked what was the greatest commandment of the law: "You shall love the Lord with all your heart... You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mk 12:29-31) In this answer of Jesus is the key, LOVE is what leads us to find holiness.

There lies the key that Jesus wants to manifest to all those who listen to him, in his moment, beginning with his disciples and now with each one of us. The fulfillment of the law is in the love for God who is our Father and for our brother who we all are. In the previous Sundays, we can remember that he called us blessed, blessed... and it is a reality that when we follow in the footsteps of the Master and make his word come alive, we experience a positive change in us that affects all those who are closest to us: "our neighbor". Living the beatitudes for us Christians has to be a priority. How can we call ourselves Christians if we do not reflect the light of Christ in our lives, how can we be salt of the earth if we cannot show a transformation of life as the Lord teaches us?

Dear brothers and sisters, we are so valuable and loved by God that in spite of our faults, he invites us to reflect so that none of us are lost from the way of salvation. Last Sunday the Gospel spoke to us about reconciliation with our brother: *"If when you go to put your offering on the altar, you remember that your brother has complaints against you, leave the offering and go first to be reconciled with your brother."* Wonderful detail that makes me reflect that I need to be an instrument of peace to embark on the path to holiness. "I have to change my attitude", I must not believe that I alone am right and that the other is to blame; humility, above all, to be able to recognize that I am wrong and that I need to ask for forgiveness.

He who does not forgive his brother from his heart cannot hope to be forgiven by God. These words are so strong, but it is necessary to listen to them and reflect on them. The enemy wants us to live immersed in war and hatred, in adversity and destruction. Do you believe that there is a need for reconciliation among human beings?

It is time to ask for forgiveness, it is time to reflect, it is not possible to continue with this way of hurting ourselves. The Word of God is demanding for all men of good will. Today the Word invites us to live with a humble attitude, reconciled, living in holiness; we must be willing to make our life a simple path of fidelity to the love of Christ and our brothers and sisters, expressed in obedience for love of the law of God.

Your brother in Christ,

Deacon William C.

PARISH MISSION**STATEMENT**

Embracing the Eucharist as the source and summit of our lives, we are a Catholic community committed to peace, justice and unity, through worship, service, education and fellowship.

CHURCH HOURS**Weekday Mass**

Mornings: Monday – Friday
8:00 am Mass

Evenings: Monday *Español*
7:00 pm Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 8:00 am
5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
1:30 pm *Español*

Confession

Saturday: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Adoration

Mornings: Monday - Saturday
8:45 am - 10:00 am

Evenings: Monday (1st & 3rd of
the month)
7:45 pm (*Español*)

Every Wednesday:

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

PARISH OFFICE**REGULAR HOURS**

Monday - Friday
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday
Closed

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be no first Friday Rosary for the Sick in March or April.

Please join us every Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 6:45 pm or Viacrucis at 7:30 pm, in the church.

CCW RETREAT

Please join the Council of Catholic Women on Saturday, March 4, 2023, for a Lenten Retreat led by Eileen Meinert. The theme for this year's retreat is **Lent 2023:**

Invitation to Divine Friendship.

Eileen is a parishioner from Saint Vincent dePaul, a spiritual director, and retreat facilitator using the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola.

She has recently completed a graduate degree in Spiritual Theology in Rome.

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm followed by lunch provided by the CCW

Location: Prefontaine Hall

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**LENTEN FISH FRY****SCHEDULE**

Please note the modified schedule for this year.

Friday, February 24

Friday, March 3

Friday, March 10

Friday, March 24

(No Fish Fry on March 17 or 31)

DINE-IN

5:30 - 7:30 pm in Prefontaine Hall

CORPUS CHRISTI**BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, February 26,
8:00am - 2:00pm

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MASS INTENTIONS**FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

8:00 AM FR. BOB CHABOT, SSS †
7:00 PM MICAELA OLGUIN †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 AM MARIE MCGRORY †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 AM SALLY CONROY †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 AM CHRISTINA GILLIGAN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 AM LAURA MCATEE †
5:00 PM JESUS M. REYNA †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 AM ALL SOULS DAY
11:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:30 PM THANKSGIVING FAMILY CONSTANT

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5;
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11;
Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18;
Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19;
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7;
Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Offertory Report | February 5

ENVELOPE COLLECTION	\$ 10,746.52
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 8,895.65
FUND TOTAL	\$ 19,642.17

SECOND COLLECTION REPORT**MAINTENANCE FUND**

ENVELOPE COLLECTION	\$ 1,031.48
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 716.00
FUND TOTAL	\$ 1,747.48

SECOND COLLECTIONS | 2023**February 5**

Maintenance Fund

February 12

Black & Indian Missions

February 19

Fund for the Poor

February 22Archdiocesan Social Ministries
– Ash Wednesday**February 26**

Capital Improvements

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Because of the difficulty in acquiring necessary food items from the Houston Food Bank, Braes has been purchasing these food items, affecting the budget. As food prices continue to increase, Braes will be forced to make some difficult decisions. Braes has endured natural disasters and a pandemic.

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No one is immune from these situations. We must work together.

To donate, visit
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or come see us
Monday, Wednesday or Friday,
10:00am – 2:00pm at
4300 W. Bellfort on the grounds
of the Willow Meadows Baptist
Church. Thank you so much for your
continued support.

FAT TUESDAY LUNCHEON

Join the Lunch Bunch at 11:30 am
Tuesday, February 21, at
Bayou City Pasta and Seafood for the
last day of Mardi Gras fun!
Wear festive masks, beads, &
costumes or not!
Call Darlene at 832-335-4923
for more details and reservations
by the deadline February 19.

IS THE HOLY SPIRIT**MOVING YOU?****Are you...**

- † Seeking a deeper relationship with God?
- † Praying for inspiration and guidance on your personal spiritual journey?
- † Desiring to experience a deeper presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?
- † Examining your own role in sharing the love of Jesus with others?

**Come join the Lay Associates of the
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All Tuesdays until March 28**7:00 pm – 8:30 pm****Prefontaine Hall****FAT TUESDAY LUNCHEON**

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Pasta and Seafood for the last day of
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Mensaje del Diacono William

¿Deseo Cambiar de Aptitud?

Queridos hermanos en Cristo,

Al acercarnos al comienzo de este hermoso tiempo litúrgico de Cuaresma, la palabra de Dios nos invita invitando a reflexionar con mas profundidad el accionar en nuestra vida. En la primera lectura de este VII domingo del tiempo ordinario se nos hace una propuesta: *"Sean santos, porque yo, el Señor, soy santo."* ¿Que se puede hacer para alcanzar esta meta? En una ocasión le preguntaron a Jesús cual era el mandamiento mas grande de la ley: "Amaras al Señor con todo tu corazón... Amaras a tu prójimo como a ti mismo" (Mc 12:29-31) En esta respuesta de Jesús esta la clave, EL AMOR es lo que nos lleva a encontrar la santidad.

Ahí esta la clave que Jesús quiere manifestar a todos los que le escuchan, en su momento, iniciando con sus discípulos y ahora con cada uno de nosotros. La plenitud de la ley esta en el amor a Dios que es nuestro Padre y al hermano que somos todos. En los domingos anteriores, podemos recordar que nos llamo dichosos, bienaventurados... y es que es una realidad cuando seguimos las huellas del maestro y hacemos vida su palabra, se tendría que experimentar un cambio positivo en nosotros que afecta a todos aquellos que están mas próximos: "prójimo". Vivir las bienaventuranzas para nosotros los cristianos tiene que ser una prioridad, sino cuan difícil seria ser luz del mundo y sal de la tierra, ¿como llamarnos cristianos sino reflejamos la luz de Cristo en nuestras vidas?, ¿como ser sal de la tierra sino podemos mostrar una transformación de vida como el Señor nos enseña?

Estimados hermanos, nosotros somos tan valiosos y amados por Dios que a pesar de nuestras faltas y desintereses nos invita a reflexionar para que ninguno se pierda del camino de la salvación. El domingo pasado el evangelio nos hablaba sobre la reconciliación con el hermano: *"Si cuando vas a poner tu ofrenda sobre el altar, te acuerdas de que tu hermano tiene quejas contra ti, deja la ofrenda y vete primero a reconciliarte con tu hermano"*. Maravilloso detalle que me hace reflexionar que necesito ser instrumento de paz para emprender el camino hacia la santidad. "Tengo que cambiar mi aptitud", no debo creer que solamente yo tengo la razón y la culpa es del otro; la humildad, ante todo, para poder reconocer que me equivoque y que necesito pedir perdón.

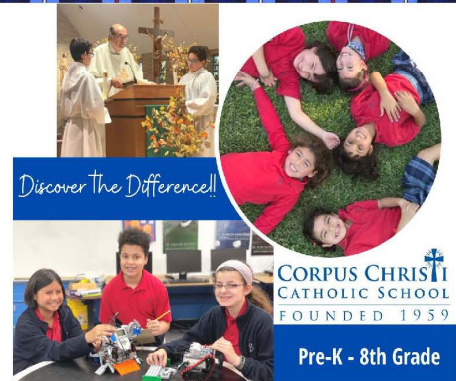
Quien no perdona de corazón al hermano, tampoco puede esperar ser perdonado por Dios. Son tan fuertes estas palabras pero que es necesario escucharlas y reflexionar. El enemigo quiere que vivamos sumergidos en la guerra y el odio, en las adversidades y destrucción. ¿Crees que existe la necesidad de reconciliación entre los seres humanos? O ¿cuanto mas pueden soportar los pueblos que están bajo el dominio de los mas poderosos? ¿cuanto mas de esas absurdas propagandas sobre el aborto? ¿hasta cuando? Es tiempo de pedir perdón, es tiempo de reflexionar, no se puede continuar con este modo de hacernos daño. La Palabra de Dios es exigente para todos los hombres de buena voluntad. Hoy la Palabra nos invita a vivir con actitud humilde, reconciliados, viviendo en santidad; debemos estar dispuesto hacer de nuestra vida un camino sencillo de fidelidad al amor de Cristo y a los hermanos, expresado en obediencia por amor a la ley de Dios.

Su hermano en Cristo,

Diacono William C.



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12 de FebreroLas Misiones de Afroamericanas e
Indígenas**19 de Febrero**

Fondo para los Pobres

22 de FebreroMinisterios Sociales Arquidiocesanos
- Miércoles de Ceniza**26 de Febrero**

Mejoras de la Parroquia

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**Lunes:** Sir 1:1-10; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5;
Mc 9:14-29**Martes:** Sir 2:1-11;
Sal 37 (36):3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40;
Mc 9:30-37**Miércoles:** Jl 2:12-18;
Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**Jueves:** Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6;
Lc 9:22-25**Viernes:** Is 58:1-9a;
Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15**Sábado:** Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6;
Lc 5:27-32**Domingo:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7;
Sal 51 (50):3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11**NUESTRA MISIÓN***Acogiendo a la Eucaristía como la
fuente y cima en nuestras vidas,
somos una comunidad Católica,
comprometida a la paz, la justicia,
y la unidad a través del culto,
servicio, educación y fraternidad.***HORARIO DE MISAS****MISAS ENTRE SEMANA****Mañanas:** Lunes – Sábado
8:00 am Misa
Tardes: Lunes
7:00 pm Español**FIN DE SEMANA****Sábado:** 8:00 am
5:00 pm (Vigilia dominical)
Domingo: 9:00 am en ingles
11:00 am en ingles
1:30 pm en Español**CONFESIONES****Sábado:** 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Domingo: 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm
*Tercer domingo del mes***ADORACION****Mañanas:** Lunes - Sábado
8:45 am - 10:00 am
Tardes: Lunes (Primer y
Tercer del mes)
7:45 pm (*Español*)**Miércoles**

9:00 am a 8:00 pm

*En la última hora habrá oración***HORARIO PARROQUIAL****DE CORPUS CHRISTI****Lunes - Viernes**

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sábado - Domingo

Cerrado

MARTIRIO*Vivir como si hoy puede morir
como mártir.*

—Charles de Foucauld

ESTACIONES DEL**VÍA CRUCIS**

No habrá Rosario de los Enfermos el
primer viernes de marzo ni de abril.
Por favor, únase a nosotros todos los
viernes durante la Cuaresma para el
Vía Crucis a las 6:45 pm o Viacrucis
a las 7:30 pm, en la iglesia.

CABALLEROS DE COLÓN**CUARESMA FISH FRY****HORARIO***Tenga en cuenta el horario
modificado para este año.**Viernes, 24 de febrero**Viernes 3 de Marzo**Viernes, 10 de Marzo**Viernes, 24 de marzo***(No habrá Fish Fry el
17 ni el 31 de marzo)****CENAR ADENTRO**

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CAMPAÑA DE DONACIÓN**DE SANGRE EN****CORPUS CHRISTI****Domingo, 26 de febrero,**
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TEMPLO DE DIOS

Cuando Pablo escribe “ustedes son el templo de Dios”, note que usa la forma plural de “ustedes”. Hablaba de la comunidad de Corinto como de un templo. Para Pablo, un templo es el lugar donde habita Dios. Dios habita y actúa en la vida compartida de la comunidad. Pablo habla largo y tendido sobre las divisiones de la comunidad de Corinto. Estas divisiones eran vistas como una profanación del templo de Dios. Hoy nos encontramos con divisiones en nuestra propia Iglesia, a veces acompañadas de una preocupante falta de humildad y caridad. A menudo, los conflictos giran en torno al establecimiento de marcadores del verdadero discipulado, en los que unos ponen el acento en la fe y la moralidad personales, y otros en la justicia y las enseñanzas sociales de la Iglesia. Quizás el Espíritu, activo en el templo de nuestra vida compartida, apunta hacia el mandamiento de Jesús “amen a sus enemigos”. Tal vez la mejor muestra de discipulado la demos en la caridad que ejercemos, y en nuestra capacidad de diálogo, con quienes no están de acuerdo con nosotros o no son amables con nosotros.

EL SERMÓN

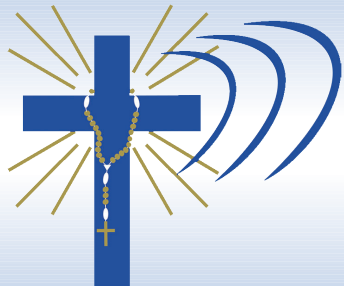
Hoy concluimos la serie de pasajes del Evangelio dominical del Sermón de la Montaña, capítulos 5-7 de Mateo. Tras proclamar la llegada del Reino, Jesús describió ampliamente a su nueva comunidad cómo es la vida en este nuevo reino y las disposiciones interiores necesarias para entrar en él.

Expuso los lugares ocultos del corazón, especialmente aquellos que necesitaban ser sanados. El Sermón es un gran desafío para nosotros hoy. El Sermón nos empuja contra nuestros intentos de comprometer lo que Dios nos llama a ser y a hacer. Desafía nuestros profundos deseos de considerarnos virtuosos y de resistirnos al deseo de Dios de transformarnos. Nos recuerda que Dios nos ama y que necesitamos su ayuda. Al anticiparnos al tiempo de Cuaresma, consideremos la posibilidad de leer en oración el Sermón en su conjunto.

Se nos invita a explorar cuidadosamente nuestras motivaciones más profundas, a permitir que Dios descubra y cure nuestros miedos y nuestras heridas.

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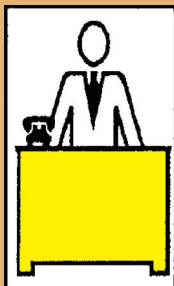
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