

Our Lady of Lourdes Church and School

A Catholic Tradition in the foothills of Los Angeles since 1920



March 5, 2023

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Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass

7:00 am (English)
8:30 am (Spanish)
10:30 am (English)
12:30 pm (English)

Daily Mass

Monday through Thursday
7:45 am
Friday: 8:30 am

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:30 am - 1:00 pm
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday

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Adoration and Benediction

First Fridays after 8:30 am Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Rosary

After Daily Mass

Baptism and Marriages

Please call the Parish Office
☎818-352-3218

Second Sunday Of Lent

First Reading:

Genesis 12:1-4

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33

– Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel:

Matthew 17:1-9

Every year, on the second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel is always a narrative of the Transfiguration of Jesus. The account of the transfiguration can be found in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. But there is something distinct in Matthew's account as we have it today: Jesus goes up a mountain with Peter, James, and John. Every time something important happens, Jesus goes up a mountain. His last temptation takes place on a high mountain; the Beatitudes are proclaimed on a mountain; bread is multiplied on a mountain and at the end of the gospel of Matthew, the risen Lord ascends to heaven from a mountain.

In the Old Testament, it was Moses who received God's revelation on Mount Sinai. We can read more about this in Exodus 24 where Moses went up on this mountain with his assistant, Joshua. Then the cloud covered the mountain. There, his face was transfigured by the light of divine glory.

Jesus transfigured on the mountain is now the new Moses. He is the one who is to lead the new people of God, as represented by Peter, James, and John. Moreover, Jesus is the final revelation of God – "my beloved Son, on whom my favor rests" – a voice from out of the clouds declared.

At the transfiguration, "His face became as dazzling as the sun, his clothes as radiant as light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared . . . conversing with him." Moses is the one who gave the law to the people of Israel; Elijah represents the greatest of all the prophets. Both Moses and Elijah stand for the whole of the Old Testament: the law and the prophets. Thus, the Old Testament (Moses and Elijah) speaks to Jesus, goes to Jesus, and gets its meaning from Jesus because Jesus is the final explanation and the full realization of the Law and the Prophets.

Peter, as usual, fails to understand what is going on. And so, he says to Jesus, "Lord, how good it is for us to be here! With your permission, I will erect three booths here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But Jesus is more than Moses and the prophets. Peter must be so thrilled by what he experienced that maybe he wanted to remain in that state of bliss forever. But when a voice came from the cloud which said, "This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him," they were overcome with fear. But Jesus touches them and

tells them, "Get up! Do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus.

"Do not be afraid" – the assuring words of Jesus when they were overcome with fear.

In Scriptures, the opposite of faith is not unbelief or doubt but Fear. For instance, in Genesis, God speaks to Abram, "Do not be afraid, Abram! I am your shield." (Genesis 15:1) And so, as we heard from the first reading, when God sent him forth to an unknown land with the promise of building a great nation from him and be a blessing to all the nations, "Abraham went as the Lord directed him".

In the New Testament, the angel Gabriel tells Mary, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." To Joseph, in a dream, the Angel said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home." And when the disciples were struggling in rough seas, Jesus tells them, "It is I, do not be afraid."

On this second Sunday in Lent, we need to hear Jesus' voice to face our fears. That, in spite of many daunting challenges, we radically commit ourselves to God.

Now, Jesus leads his disciples down from the mountain of the transfiguration, back to the real world of suffering and pain with its joys and moments of triumphs awaiting them. And they are ready to do so because they have visualized the final end of sufferings in Jesus transfigured.

These three disciples who have seen the glory of Christ would shortly see him reduced to a point of deep human weakness in his agony on that dreadful and solitary night in the garden of Gethsemane. They have learned that there is no glorious resurrection without suffering and death; that there are no short cuts from the cross.

In Lent, the Church has us proclaim the story of the transfiguration to teach us that there is no place for Christians to pitch a tent on fleeting moments of success and truth which occasionally come our way because to just settle for the seeds of the promise while still on the journey would be to miss the promise itself and, that to arrive with Jesus in glory, we must follow the suffering that Jesus went through along the way of the cross. ❖

Cast into the Deep (March 5)

Lenten Disciplines

Excerpts

It's our second week of Lent, a good time to revisit the disciplines of Lent: Fasting and Abstinence, Prayer and Almsgiving.

Fasting and Abstinence: The law of fasting is binding for all



Catholics, beginning on the day after their 21st birthday and ending at the midnight which completes their 59th birthday. [Note: The USA's particular law has lowered the obligatory fasting age to 18.] When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting while all Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

The law of abstinence is binding for all Catholics, beginning on the day after their 14th birthday. The law of abstinence forbids the eating of flesh meat and of broth made of meat, but does not exclude the use of eggs, dairy products, or seasonings made from the fat of animals.

Prayer: Prayer may generally be described as that which draws us closer to God in contemplation and communication. Prayer is our half of a conversation with God, meaning, prayer is not only speaking but listening as well. Prayer finds its anchor and focus in the Sunday Eucharist with the community of faith. It helps to have a consistent time and a quiet place for prayer, although prayer can happen anytime and anywhere.

Almsgiving: Almsgiving is a work of love. The intention of this part of the Lenten Discipline is to connect our faith in God's love for us with actions that are loving of others in the world.

These are the "disciplines" of Lent. As "disciplines", they are rules or standards for us to strip off the old self in us to become a new person in Christ. A person then does not have to be hard on himself, too rigorous or too legalistic. Thus, people who cannot fast or abstain for medical reasons should not impose on themselves the penitential discipline of fasting and abstinence. Conversely, there are those above the age of 60 years old or below 18 years old (for fasting) and younger than 14 (for abstinence) who find themselves capable of fasting and abstinence. The different age limits for fasting and abstinence are for them a "guide" more than the "norm". What counts most is where the disciplines lead us: a self which is made new in the person of Jesus Christ. Hence, the idea is to have a discipline that moves a person spiritually closer to God, not one that focuses on the discipline alone while being unmindful of the reason for the discipline. (*Fr. Rolly Astudillo, Cast into the Deep, February 21, 2021*)

Another Look at Fasting

During Jesus' time in the desert, he was tempted by Satan. One of the temptations the devil offered was to turn the rocks into bread to

quell Jesus' appetite (he had to be hungry, since he'd been fasting, so even the devil's bread had to be inviting!) But Jesus resisted – he gave up bread and thus initiated our giving something up for Lent. Our self-denial, particularly in these over-indulgent days, is noble and should be encouraged. As we surrender our desires, we can get a keener focus on what is truly important in our lives: family, friends, health, knowledge and love. However (you knew that was coming!) since Vatican II the thrust of self-sacrifice has been toward a change in life-style – an intrinsic shift in our relationship not only with ourselves but also with God. By all means, turn off your E devices for a few hours and spend that time with your family; this might be a good time to resolve to eat a healthier diet; or maybe you can drive a bit more cautiously. There are no rules here except that your sacrifice helps to change your life patterns and help you focus on the more important facets of life.

Father Jim Clark, the Archdiocesan Head of the New Evangelization, had a list of terrific suggestions. Let us share them with you now.

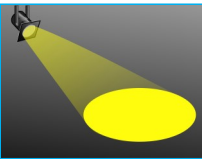
HOW TO FAST

FAST from judging others // FEAST on God dwelling in them.
 FAST from apparent darkness // FEAST on the reality of light.
 FAST from thoughts of illness // FEAST on the healing power of God.
 FAST from words that pollute // FEAST on phrases that purify.
 FAST from anger // FEAST on patience
 FAST from worry // FEAST on Divine Providence.
 FAST from worry // FEAST on unrelenting prayer.
 FAST from negatives // FEAST on positives.
 FAST from complaining // FEAST on appreciation.
 FAST from hostility // FEAST on non-resistance.
 FAST from bitterness // FEAST on forgiveness.
 FAST from anxiety // FEAST on hope.
 FAST on yourself // FEAST on a silent heart.
 (*Jim Lank, Cast into the Deep, February 14, 2021*)

Another Look at Almsgiving

There are so many ways that we can help those in need. Our Catholic Church provides us with many opportunities to be of service to others both here and in other countries. Whether you contribute to Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief Services, Saint Vincent De Paul, our very own parish Pasture, or another charity; you are helping to carry out the mission that God gave us to help those less fortunate.

So the next time you pass a homeless person at an off-ramp or on the street be reminded that Jesus commanded us to be generous to those in need. If you don't feel comfortable giving to those you find on the streets, then be sure to contribute to an organization that is helping those in need. For remember Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (*Jackie Tanker, OLL Bulletin, May 1, 2016*)



Enhancing the Liturgy Visual Media Ministry

If there's one good thing that came out of the pandemic, it's our Visual Media Ministry. Granted that we would have gotten there eventually, but the restrictions dictated by the pandemic hastened it. Our parishioners needed to worship with their own community even as we endured sheltering in place, hence we started live streaming the Mass. Once, we were able to have indoor Masses, we still could not use Missals or song books that would be handled by different people — we installed Smart TVs in the Church so we could project the readings and the songs on screen. By the grace of God, the resources showed up as we needed them. Starting with our Pastor, **Fr. Rolly** and **Dn Mar**, ever alert to our needs and open to recognize the angels that God sends our way, first we started live streaming. Dn Mar secured the camera, set up the Facebook account for the live stream, and operated the camera as well. Eventually, he found those who would operate the camera. Thanks to **Lupita Cueva**, **Juan Guerra**, **Andrea Mata**, **Aurea Alvarez**, and **Robert Dancel**, Dn Mar could go back to assisting Fr. Rolly as Deacon at the Mass. 😊

Soon, we were able to move our Mass indoors. Another need presented itself. We could not use shared printed materials like books, song sheets and the like. In the middle of marveling at the expense of putting up screens to display the readings and the songs, another gift from God appeared in the person of **Joel Cardines** (Spotlight, 3/27/22). This time, it did take a rocket scientist to purchase, install, and program our screens, 2 on either side of the altar, and one at the rear for the use of those at the altar. Between Dn Mar, who himself is an engineer, and Joel (and his friend, David), the screens went up and we have been using them at weekend and Holy Day Masses.

Preparing and projecting the PowerPoint (PPT) of the Liturgy is quite a production. Joel prepares the template for the weekend's Mass including the Readings and Responsorial Psalms. Then a team of busy bees collate the song lyrics and enter them into the appropriate Mass sections in the PPT. They also take the Mass intentions and the Mass announcements provided by the office (thanks **Yolanda Enriquez**) to make sure that nothing is missed. Amazingly, these bees have people names; **Ed Espiritu**, **Andrea Mata**, **Lupita Cueva**, **Nelle Orsburn**, **Patricia Lambengco**, and **Gerry Salazar**. 😊

Finally, the presenter goes up to the choir loft, turns on the church laptop and, with great attention, advances the slides in seamless consonance with the liturgy. A few Sundays ago, at every Mass, the corresponding presenters were commissioned by Fr. Rolly for this newest ministry:



5 pm: **Alyanna Ramones** and **Aurea Alvarez**;
7 am: **Katherine Rodriguez**, **Kyle Menke**, and **Vivian Enriquez**
8:30 am: **Andrea Mata**, **Danna Santiago**, **Juan Guerra**, **Lupita Cueva**, **Rosario Castro Ibanez**, and **Yolanda Oliva**
10:30 am: **Danny and Espi Picar**, **Elliott Segura**, and **Zoe Segura**
12:30 pm: **Johncarlo Moran** and **Ken Padilla**

A million thanks to our amazing team of angels! 🙌🙌

Do you feel inspired to be part of this ministry? Call us at the Office (818-352-3218) or talk to Dn Mar when you see him.

Schedule for Lent 2023

Stations of the Cross/ Via Crucis (February 24 to April 7)

Fridays of Lent: 6:00 pm (English); 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Lenten Retreat

Spanish: March 4, 8:30 am -12:30 pm (OLL Church)

English: March 11, 8:30 am -12:30 pm (OLL Church)

Penance Service:

April 5 (Tuesday) at 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday

Saturday (April 1)

3:45 to 4:45 pm – Confessions

5:00 pm – Palm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday (April 2)

7:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm (English Masses)

8:30 am (Spanish Mass)

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday (April 6)

7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by
Reposition/ Adoration (Auditorium)

Good Friday (April 7)

1:15 pm – Stations of the Cross, followed by
The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (approx. 2pm)

6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

7:00 pm – Celebración de la Pasión del Señor

Holy Saturday (April 8)

7:30 pm – Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection (no confessions)

Easter Sunday (April 9)

7:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm (English Masses)

8:30 am (Spanish Mass)



"Lent is a time of truth, a time to drop the masks we put on each day to appear perfect in the eyes of the world. It is a time, as Jesus said in the Gospel, to reject lies and hypocrisy: not those of others, but of ourselves" ~ Pope Francis, *Ash Wednesday Homily*

Fasting and Abstinence for Lent: Ash Wednesday and



Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence; All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The age limit for fasting is from 18 to 59; for abstinence, anyone older than 14 year old.

Stations of the Cross are every Friday during Lent: The English Stations of the Cross is at 6:00 pm and the Spanish Via Crucis is at 7:00 . Everyone is encouraged to participate.



Parish News

Schedule of Masses and Reconciliation

Confessions

Saturday at 3:45 - 4:45 pm (music room - entry by baptismal font)

Sunday Masses (all Masses are indoors)

Saturday at 5:00 pm.

Sunday at 7:00 am, 8:30 am (Spanish), 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

Live Stream: Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:30 am (Sp)

The Link to the live streamed Masses is:

<https://www.facebook.com/106570891120663/live/>

Daily Masses

Monday - Thursday at 7:45 am; Friday at 8:30 am

Wearing a face mask in Church is not required. It is a matter of individual preference.
Let's respect each other's preference.*

*LA County Public Health

Lions Roar: OLL School News

OLL School Golf Tournament



on May 23, 2023 at 12:00 P.M. Moorpark Country Club will be the venue for the first Golf Tournament organized by the OLL Family Fun Days Team to benefit OLL School.

Singles at \$200.00 and Foursomes at \$700.00. Get our buddies to fill in the slots by March 1st. Register at: ollgolfevent@gmail.com

Our Lady of Lourdes Masquerade Night

Friday, April 28, 2023 @ 6 pm

La Canada Country Club

Cocktail Attire; 21 and over event

Tickets are Pre-Sale only: \$75 per person; \$800 for a reserved table for 10. Flyer on p 10 of eBulletin.



CALLING ALL 6TH - 8TH GRADERS

EDGE COMES TO OLL

Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program for grades 6th-8th. It provides a safe fun place for youth to find a solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way.

Classes will be held every 2nd & 4th Monday, 6:00- 8:00PM

The next class is on Monday, March 13th

Semester is from Jan. 23rd-Jun. 5th

Fee: \$30 (covers supplies, materials, and snacks)

For More Info Call (818) 606-5165 or email

lourdesconfirms@gmail.com



In the News:



LENTEN RETREAT

An opportunity for reflection and prayer in the season of Lent

Date: Saturday, March 11th

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Where: OLL Church

Come and join us for fellowship, reflections, music, adoration and opportunity for confession.

To register or for more information, call the parish office at 818-352-3218 or go to the flyer on page 9 of eBulletin.

Lenten Retreat in Spanish

Date: Saturday, March 4th

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Where: OLL Church.

Come and join us for fellowship, prayer, reflection, music, and adoration.

For more information, please call the parish office at 818-352-3218 or Yolanda Oliva at 818-793-9683.



Fish Fry! It's that time of year again! Come join us at the annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Eat in or take out.

Runs Friday nights during Lent. Feb 24th, 2023, till April 7th, 2023, 5:30pm till 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATE

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court San Ysidro #1507
invites you to our annual

Spring Tea

April 23, 2023
1:30 - 4:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Auditorium
7355 Apperson St, Tujunga, CA

Watch for details in future bulletins!



Celebrating our Saint for the Week

March 9: St. Frances of Rome, Religious: (1384 - 1440). St Frances was born in Rome to a wealthy and noble family. At a very early age, Frances had a desire to live a life of prayer dedicated to God and wished to become a nun. However her father had already promised her to the son of another wealthy family. Just as her father would not take no for an answer, Frances herself prayed assiduously to God to prevent the marriage, that is until her confessor pointed out to her, "Are you crying because you want to do God's will or because you want God to do your will?" And so, at thirteen, she married Lorenzo Ponziani, a noble, wealthy, good person who really cared for her. She was miserable in the early years, considering the demands of her station as frivolous for she wanted to devote herself to prayer and service. Eventually, she discovered that her sister-in-law, Vannoza, also wanted to live a life devoted to God. So together they developed a program of prayer and service. They decided the family would come first, but they were also able to go to Mass and pray in their secret chapel and to serve the poor and the needy in the hospitals and prison. Lorenzo supported Frances in her charitable work. Eventually, she would found a Benedictine lay order of women, the Oblates of Mary and a monastery for those who wanted to live a common life. When Lorenzo died in 1436, Frances moved into the monastery and became its superior where she lived until her death 4 years later. She is best remembered for her radical choice of God in the married state.

"A married woman must, when called upon, leave her devotions to God at the altar to find him in her household affairs,"

Seniors 55+ Group

Join the Seniors 55+ Group (for single, separated, divorced and widowed women) on **Saturday, March 25** for the 5 p.m. Mass followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Meet at the hospitality patio at 4:50 p.m.

Call the parish office and leave your name, email and phone number before **March 23** so we know how many to expect for dinner.



Papal Prayer Intention for:

March: For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



Archdiocese of Los Angeles partners with ex-FBI agents



Over the last several decades, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has partnered with ex-FBI agents to investigate allegations of clerical sexual abuse. This partnership is part of a comprehensive abuse protection effort in the archdiocese that includes mandatory fingerprinting, background checks, and safe environment training. To learn more about this partnership, visit angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/fbi-la-archdiocese-abuse.

Mass Intentions

March 4 to 10, 2023



Saturday March 4

5:00 PM

Eloise Lopez †
Debra Lopez †
Antonio C. Hernandez †---40th Day
Pena Family—*Thanksgiving*

Sunday March 5

7:00 AM

Fajota Family—*Thanksgiving*

8:30 AM

Blanca Nieves Alas †
Claudia Garcia †
Patricia Acosta—*Birthday Blessing*
Anibal Gamiño—*Good Job Outcome*

10:30 AM

Leila Lynn †
Enza Dottore Sanfilippo †
Edgar Gutierrez †
Filipina Tatlonghari †
Joan Noyes—*Birthday Blessing*

12:30 PM

Teofila Gerardo †--*Birthday Remembrance*

Monday March 6

7:45 AM

Marlene Chehade—*Birthday Blessing*

Tuesday March 7

7:45 AM

Karl † and Kimberly Santotome †
Diana Ouano - *Birthday Blessing*

Wednesday March 8

7:45 AM

Daniel Marco—*Birthday Blessing*
Jose Luis Barajas—*Birthday Blessing*

Friday March 10

8:30 AM

Imelda Galimaga †
Fr. Rolly—*Birthday Thanksgiving & Blessing*
Deacon Ramon—*Birthday Thanksgiving & Blessing*

"He saved us and called us to a holy life..."

2 Tim 1:9

Readings for March 6 to 12, 2023

3/ 6	Dn 9:4b-10 / Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 / Lk 6:36-38
3/ 7	Is 1:10, 16-20 / Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 / Mt 23:1-12
3/ 8	Jer 18:18-20 / Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 / Mt 20:17-28
3/ 9	Jer 17:5-10 / Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / Lk 16:19-31
3/10	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
3/11	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
3/12	Ex 17:3-7 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42

From scripture to life...

How might you have reacted to the wonders of the day on Mount Tabor, Jesus' *Transfiguration*?

en Nuestra Parroquia

Calendario de misas y reconciliación

Confesiones: Sábado a las 3:45—4:45 pm (sala de música. entrar por el área del coro)

Misa dominicales:

Sábado a las 5:00 pm

Domingo a las 7:00 am, 8:30 am (Español), 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

Misas transmitidas en vivo: a las 5:00 pm; 8:30 am (Español)
<https://www.facebook.com/106570891120663/live/>

Misas diarias

de lunes a Jueves a las 7:45 am; Viernes a las 8:30 am

No es obligatorio usar mascarilla en la Iglesia. Es una cuestión de preferencia individual.*
 Respetemos la preferencia de cada uno.

*LA County Public Health

Intención de oración papal para:

Marzo: Por las víctimas de abuso



Oremos por aquellos que han sufrido daño por parte de miembros de la Iglesia; que encuentren en la Iglesia misma una respuesta concreta a su dolor y sufrimiento.

Torneo de Golf Escolar OLL

el 23 de mayo de 2023 a las 12:00 p.m. Moorpark Country Club será la sede del primer Torneo de Golf organizado por el Equipo de Días de Diversión Familiar de OLL a beneficio de la Escuela OLL.

Singles a \$200.00 y Foursomes a \$700.00. Haz que nuestros amigos llenen los espacios antes del 1 de marzo.

Regístrate en: ollgolfevent@gmail.com



Noche de Mascarada de OLL

viernes, 28 de abril de 2023 a las 18:00

La Cañada Country Club

traje de cóctel; evento para mayores de 21 años

Los boletos son de preventa solamente: \$75 por persona; \$800 por una mesa reservada para 10. Volante en la página 10 de eBulletin.

La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles se asocia con exagentes del FBI



Durante las últimas décadas, la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles se ha asociado con exagentes del FBI para investigar las denuncias de abuso sexual por parte del clero. Esta asociación es parte de un esfuerzo integral de protección contra el abuso en la Arquidiócesis, que incluye la toma obligatoria de huellas dactilares, verificación de antecedentes y capacitación en un ambiente seguro. Para obtener más información sobre esta asociación, visite angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/fbi-la-archdiocese-abuse.

“Pues Dios es quien nos ha salvado...”

2 Tm 1,9



RETIRO DE CUARESMA

Una oportunidad para la reflexión y la oración en el tiempo de Cuaresma

Fecha: sábado 11 de marzo

Hora: 8:30 am a 12:30 pm

Dónde: Iglesia OLL

Ven y únete a nosotros para el compañerismo, las reflexiones, la música, la adoración y la oportunidad de confesión.

Para registrarse o para obtener más información, llame a la oficina parroquial al 818-352-3218 o vaya al volante en la página 9 de eBulletin

Retiro de Cuaresma en Español

Fecha: Sábado, 4 de marzo Hora: 8:30 am a 12:30 pm

Dónde: Iglesia OLL.

Ven y únete a nosotros para estar juntos en oración, reflexión, música y adoración.

Para más información, por favor llamen a la oficina parroquial al 818-352-3218 o a Yolanda Oliva al 818-793-9683.

Ayuno y Abstinencia de Cuaresma: El Miércoles de Ceniza



y el Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia; Todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia.

Cuando se ayuna, a una persona se le permite comer una comida completa, así como dos comidas más pequeñas que juntas no equivalen a una comida completa. El límite de edad para el ayuno es de 18 a 59 años; por abstinencia, cualquier persona mayor de 14 años.

Las Estaciones de la Cruz

son todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma: Las Estaciones de la Cruz en inglés son a las 6:00 pm y el Vía Crucis en español es a las 7:00. Se anima a todos a participar.



¡Es esa época del año otra vez! Únase a nosotros en la fritura de pescado anual de los Caballeros de Colón. Comer adentro o para llevar.

Abre los viernes por la noche durante la Cuaresma. 24 de febrero de 2023 hasta el 7 de abril de 2023 de 17:30 a 19:30

De las escrituras a la vida ...

¿Cómo podrías haber reaccionado ante las maravillas del día en el Monte Tabor, la Transfiguración de Jesús?

II Domingo De Cuaresma**Primera Lectura: Génesis 12, 1-4****Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 32***– Que tu misericordia, Señor, venga sobre nosotros, como lo esperamos de ti.***Segunda Lectura: 2 Timoteo 1, 8-10****Evangelio: San Mateo 17, 1-9**

Cada año, el segundo domingo de Cuaresma, el Evangelio es siempre una narración de la Transfiguración de Jesús.

El relato de la transfiguración se puede encontrar en los evangelios de Mateo, Marcos y Lucas. Pero hay algo distinto en el relato de Mateo tal como lo tenemos hoy: Jesús sube a una montaña con Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Cada vez que sucede algo importante, Jesús sube a una montaña. Su última tentación tiene lugar en una alta montaña; las Bienaventuranzas son proclamadas en una montaña; el pan se multiplica en una montaña y al final del evangelio de Mateo, el Señor resucitado asciende al cielo desde una montaña.

En el Antiguo Testamento, fue Moisés quien recibió la revelación de Dios en el Monte Sinaí. Podemos leer más sobre esto en Éxodo 24, donde Moisés subió a esta montaña con su asistente, Josué. Entonces la nube cubrió la montaña. Allí, su rostro fue transfigurado por la luz de la gloria divina.

Jesús transfigurado en la montaña es ahora el nuevo Moisés. Él es quien debe guiar al nuevo pueblo de Dios, representado por Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Además, Jesús es la revelación final de Dios: "mi Hijo amado, en quien descansa mi favor", declaró una voz desde las nubes.

En la transfiguración, "su rostro se puso resplandeciente como el sol y sus vestiduras se volvieron blancas como la nieve. De pronto aparecieron ante ellos Moisés y Elías, conversando con Jesús". Moisés es quien dio la ley al pueblo de Israel; Elías representa al más grande de todos los profetas. Tanto Moisés como Elías representan todo el Antiguo Testamento: la ley y los profetas. Así, el Antiguo Testamento (Moisés y Elías) le habla a Jesús, va a Jesús, y toma su significado de Jesús porque Jesús es la explicación final y la realización plena de la Ley y los Profetas.

Pedro, como de costumbre, no entiende lo que está pasando. Y entonces, le dice a Jesús: "Señor, ¡qué bueno sería quedarnos aquí! Si quieres, haremos aquí tres chozas, una para ti, otra para Moisés y otra para Elías". Pero Jesús es más que Moisés y los profetas. Pedro debió estar tan emocionado por lo que experimentó que tal vez quería permanecer en ese estado de felicidad permanente. Pero cuando vino una voz de la nube que decía: "Éste es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias; escúchenlo", estaban vencidos por el miedo. Pero Jesús los toca y les dice: "Levántense y no teman". Alzando entonces los ojos, ya no vieron a nadie más que a Jesús.

"No tengan miedo" – las palabras tranquilizadoras de Jesús cuando fueron vencidos por el miedo.

En las Escrituras, lo opuesto a la fe no es la incredulidad o la duda sino el temor. Por ejemplo, en Génesis, Dios le dice a Abram: "¡No temas, Abram! Soy tu escudo." (Génesis 15, 1) Y así, como escuchamos en la primera lectura, cuando Dios lo envió a una tierra desconocida con la promesa de construir de él una gran nación y ser una bendición para todas las naciones, "Abram partió, como se lo había ordenado el Señor".

En el Nuevo Testamento, el ángel Gabriel le dice a María: "María, no temas, porque has hallado gracia delante de Dios". A José, en un sueño, el Ángel le dijo: "José, hijo de David, no temas recibir a María tu mujer en tu casa". Y cuando los discípulos estaban luchando en mares agitados, Jesús les dice: "Soy yo, no tengan miedo".

En este segundo domingo de Cuaresma, necesitamos escuchar la voz de Jesús para enfrentar nuestros miedos. Que, a pesar de muchos desafíos abrumadores, nos comprometamos radicalmente con Dios.

Ahora, Jesús conduce a sus discípulos desde la montaña de la transfiguración, de regreso al mundo real del sufrimiento y el dolor con sus alegrías y momentos de triunfo esperándolos. Y están dispuestos a hacerlo porque han visualizado el fin de los sufrimientos en Jesús transfigurado.

Estos tres discípulos que han visto la gloria de Cristo pronto lo verán reducido a un punto de profunda debilidad humana en su agonía en aquella noche espantosa y solitaria en el huerto de Getsemaní. Han aprendido que no hay resurrección gloriosa sin sufrimiento y muerte; que no hay atajos desde la cruz.

En Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos pide que proclamemos la historia de la transfiguración para enseñarnos que no hay lugar para que los cristianos levantemos una tienda de campaña en los momentos fugaces de éxito y verdad que ocasionalmente se nos presentan, porque para conformarnos con las semillas de la promesa mientras todavía vamos en el camino sería perder la promesa misma y, para llegar con Jesús a la gloria, debemos seguir el sufrimiento que Jesús pasó en el camino de la cruz. ❖



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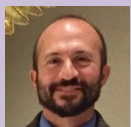
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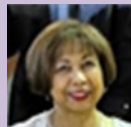
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