

REFLECTION:

Today's second reading reminds us that as Christians sharing in God's life we are already citizens of heaven. Neither our earthly homes nor our physical bodies are lasting. But one day our bodies will be transformed and become like the glorified body of the risen Jesus. This is the great and final hope of every Christian.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS:

A citizen is not a visitor, a tourist, or a guest. A citizen is someone who belongs to a particular country. Sometimes citizens of a country go to other countries to live or work. Sometimes they become citizens of their new country. Sometimes they remain citizens of their original country. Their citizenship means too much to them to change. What does being a citizen of heaven mean to you? What are your responsibilities and privileges as a citizen of this country? What are your responsibilities and privileges as a citizen of heaven?



**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March 2022
A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

**Why Ashes?
BY FR. LARRY RICE**

For centuries, Catholic Christians have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ash on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it's appropriate that this ancient sign marks the beginning of the season. The ashes themselves are usually made by burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday. This symbolically connects the beginning of Lent with its end, connecting our change of heart with Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Ashes are usually distributed as part of the Mass on Ash Wednesday, often after the homily.

THIS WEEK AT ST. EUGENE:

Igbo -Nigeria Catholic Center
Today: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
Masses – 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual)
10:00 a.m. (Eng) & 12 Noon (Igbo)
Fri: No Morning Mass:
#: **Stations of the Cross** on the Prayer line: 267-807-9601 ID 221104842 Time: 7pm
Sat: No Morning Mass
Sun: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YR C
Masses – 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual)
10:00 a.m. (Eng) & 12 Noon (Igbo)

Together in Mission As of March 01, 2022
Parish Goal: — \$10, 775.00
Amount Pledged: — \$3430.00
Amount Paid: — \$1530.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Last Week Collection : — \$4037.00
Ash Wednesday: — \$400.00
For online offering: please visit parish website:
steugeneparish.org

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

As people approach the priest or other minister, he presses the ashes to their foreheads, and speaks one of two phrases: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or "Repent and believe in the Gospel." In many places, Ash Wednesday services are among the most popular of the whole year—a day that's not even a Holy Day of Obligation. Cynics have suggested that this is because people "get" something, as they do on Palm Sunday. But there's nothing particularly appealing about getting smudged with ashes. Perhaps, the appeal is the expression through a physical sign of a desire for interior conversion. The Gospel for Ash Wednesday is a reminder that the real purpose of the season of Lent isn't to make public demonstrations of piety—even the wearing of ashes—but to seek conversion of heart.
Fr. Larry Rice is the former vocations director for the Paulist Fathers.

How to Live Lent This Year

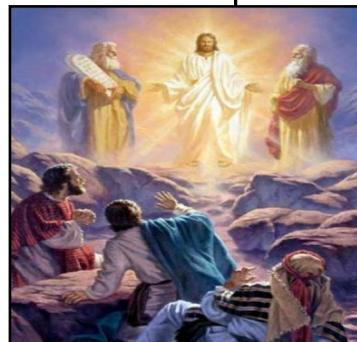
Here are three tips to deepen your relationship with God during the 40 days of #Lent. 1) Participate in the sacraments. 2) Help those in need around you. 3) Sacrifice something that's hard for you.

UKA NKE ABUO N'OGHE NCHETA AHUHU

**KRISTI, AFO NKE ATO
SUNDAY, MARH 13, 2022**

EKPERE MMEGHE:

Chineke Nna anyi, inyere anyi iwu k'anyi na-ege nti na-olu nke nwa gi I huru n'anya. Were okwu gi meghee obi anyi, k'anyi chota uzo nke otito gi. Site na Kristi Dinwenu anyiAMEN.



IHE OGUGU NKE MBU:

Jenesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'Akwukwo Jenesis

Chineke kpoutara Ebram ezi wee si ya: "Lee anya na mbara igwe ka I guo kpakpando nile onu ma o buru na I nwere ike. Otu ahu ka mkpuru gi ga-adi. "Ebram tukwasara okwukwe n'Onyenweanyi, Onye gunyere ya n'onye ezi omume. O gwara Ebram si: "Abu M Dinwenu, Onye si na Ur nke Kaldia kpopta gi ka I nweta la nke a." Ebram azaa si: "Onyenwe m Chineke, olee ka m ga- esi mara na m ga-enweta ya?" Chineke asi ya: "Wetara m otu nwa ehi gbara afo ato, otu ewu gbara afo ato, otu ebulu gbara afo ato, otu nduru na otu otu nwa kpalakwukwu." O wetara ya ihe ndi a nile, bia kpowaa nke o bula n'ime ha uzo abuo, dote okara n'otu akuku ma dotekwa okara nke ozo n'akuku nke ozo ebe o chere okara nke mbu ihu. Ma o kpowaghi nnuunu abuo ndi ahu. Nnuunu na-eri anu fedara iri ozu anu ahu mana Ebram chufuru ha. Mgbe anyanwu na-adakpu, Ebram arahu ura miri emi; oke ujo jidere ya. Mgbe anyanwu dachara, ochichiri agbachie ebe nile, Ebram huru ite na-akwu anwuru oku, na owa na-enwu oku, ka ha si n'etiti ibe anu ndi ahu na-agafe. N'ubochi ahu ka Onyenweanyi na Ebram gbara ndu. N'ogbugba ndu ha, Chineke gwara Ebram si: "Mkpuru gi ka M na-enye ala nke a, site n'osimiri Ijpt ruo na nnukwu osimiri nke ozo." **Okwu nke Oseburuwa** Ekene diri Chukwu.

ABUOMA NA AZIZA YA: Ps.26:1,7-9,13-14 Az.1
Aziza: Dinwenu bu ohe m na enyemaka m.

- 1. Dinwenu bu ihe m na enyemaka m. Onye ka m ga-aturu egwu? Dinwenu bu ebe obibi siri ike nke ndu m. Onye ka m ga-agbara oso? **Aziza.**
- 2. Onyenwe m, nuru olu m mgbe m kpokuru Gi. Mee ebere, za m oku. O bu Gi ka obi m na-ekwuputa si: choo ihu Ya" **Aziza.**
- 3. Onyenwe m, ihu Gi ka m na-acho; e zonahukwala m ihu Gi. E jikwala iwe chupu odibo Gi. Gi bu onye enyemaka m. **Aziza.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**YEAR: C
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022**

OPENING PRAYER:

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.....AMEN.

FIRST READING: Gen.15:5-12,17-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis:
THE Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

The word of the Lord. —R. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps.27:1,7-8,8-9,13-14
R/. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- 1. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? —**R.**
- 2. Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks. —**R.**
- 3. Your presence, O LORD, I seek. Hide not your face from me; do not in anger repel your servant. You are my helper: cast me not off. —**R.**

4. Ekwere m na aga ahu obi oma Onyenweanyi n’ala ndi di ndu. Chekwube na Ya; jisie Ya ike; obi sie gi ike. **Aziza.**

IHE OGUGU NKE ABUO: Filipai 3:17,4:1
The ogugu e wetara n’Akwukwo Ozi Pol di aso de-gaara ndi Filipai
 Umunna m, burunu otu n’inomi ukpuru m tooro unu. Na-enominu ndi na-ebi udi ndu ahu anyi biri. Murunu ihe n’aka ha, otu unu si muru ihe n’aka anyi . Agwala m unu ihe a ugboro ugboro n’oge gara aga. Ma taa, ebu m anya mmiri n’anya na-ahwakwa ya unu ozo: Na enwere otutu mmadu, ndi na-ebi udi ndu na-egosi na ha bu ndi iro nke obe Kristi. Ila n’iyii bu ihe di n’akara aka ndi di otu a.Ha jiri erimeri mere chi ha. Ihe kwesiri ime ha ihere ka ha ji etu onu. Ha na-atukwasi uche nani n’ihe nke uwa. Ma nke e ji mara anyi bun a eluigwe bu obodo anyi. O bu n’eluigwe ka Onye Nzoputa ahu anyi na-atu anya Ya, bu Onyenweanyi Jesu Kristi, ga-esi abia. O ga-agbanwo ahu anyi nke a di nkirika ka o nwee oyiyi ohuru di ka ahu Ya nke di ebube. Ike O ga – eji eme nke a bukwa otu ike ahu O nwere iji mee ka uwa dum noro n’okpuru ochichi Ya. Ya mere, umunaa m, m huru n’anya, ndi enyi m oma, kwurunu chim n’okwukwe siri ike n’ime Onyenweanyi. Aguu unu nagusi m ike mgbe o bula. Unu bu ndi m ji eme onu, na-anuri m, na okpu eze m.
Okwu nke Oseburuwa Ekene diri Chukwu

MBEKU: Mt. 17:15
 Olu nke Nna si n’urukpu igwe daa si: Onye a bu Nwa M, M huru n’anya. Geenu Ya nti.

OZIOMA: Luk 9:28-36
Ihe ogugu nke a si n’Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere
 Jesu kpoooro Pita, na Jon na Jemis rigoro n’elu ugwu ikpe ekpere. Mgbe O na-ekpe ekpere , odidi ihu Ya gbanwere. Uwe ya nwupuru ocha, o chara nnoo vaaa, chakaria ihe ocha o bula anya mmadu hurula. Na mberede, mmadu abuo biara na-akpanyere Ya uka. Ndi ahu bu Mosis na Elaija, ndi siri na mmuo puta ihe n’e-bube. Ha na Jesu na-akparita uka maka ula, nke a gaje imezu na Jerusalem. Nnukwa ura ji Pita na ndi ya na ha no. ma ha jisiri ike muru anya, wee hu ebube Jesu, hukwa mmadu ndi ahu Ya na ha guzoro. O wee ruo mgbe mmadu abuo ahu na-ahapu. Pita si Jesu: “Nna anyi ukwu, odi mma ka anyi noro n’ebe a: Ka anyi wuonu ulo-ikwu ato, otu diri Gi, otu adiri Mosis, otu adikwara Elaija.” Ma Pita amaghi ihe o na-ekwu ekwu. Mgbe o na-ekwu ihe a, igwe oji biara, kpuchie ha. Oke egwu jidere ha. Ma otu olu siri n’igwe oji tie si: “Onye a bu Nwa M, Onye M hotara ahota. Nurunu alu Ya!” Mgbe olu ahu kwusiri, nani Jesu ka a huru. Ma Umuazu kpuchiri onu ha. N’oge ahu, ha akoroghi onye

4. I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD. —R.

SECOND READING: Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1
A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians:
 JOIN with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their “shame.” Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.
The word of the Lord. —R. Thanks be to God.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL: Matthew 17:5
Praise to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
 From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him. —R.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28b-36
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:
 JESUS took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord,

o bula akuko o bula banyere ihe ha huru.
Ozioma nke Oseburuwa Otito diri Gi, Kristi

EKPERE NHUNYE:
 Onyenweanyi, biko meeka aja nke a wuchapu njo anyi; ka anyi bu ndi kwere na Gi, were ahu na mkpuruobi e doro aso mee emume nke onwu na mbilite n’onwu nke Nwa Gi, Onye Gi na Ya di ndu na -achi ebighi ebi ebighi ebi.....AMEN.

EKPERE A NATACHAA ORIRI NSO:
 Onyenweanyi, anyi bu ndi natara ihe omimi nke otito Gi nwere afo ojuju. Anyi na-ekele Gi n’ihi na I bidola n’uwa a were ya nyebe anyi oke nke anyi ga-eketa n’Alaeze eluigwe. Biko, nara ekele nke a anyi na-onye Gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.....AMEN.

MASS INTENTIONS

- 12:00 noon Mass**
1. Thanksgivings petition for birthday intentions of Rosaline Amuchie—By Amuchie Family.
 2. Thanksgiving and petition for answered prayers and other family intentions—By Osy & Nneka Ufondu and family.
 3. Thanksgiving and petition for birthday blessings and intentions of Kelechi Ikejiofor and Kelechi Udeze -By Greg/Schola Ogomaka.
 4. Thanksgiving petition for birthday intentions of Kelechi Rita Udeze, for God’s blessings, guidance —By Aloysius/Eucharista Udeze & Family.
 5. Thanksgiving to God for healing, protection and guidance in their Family -By Elizabeth Nwokedi & Family.
 6. Petition for all their children and the children of the world, for the happy repose of the soul of Nkiru Cynthia Anunwa Orakpu— By Ndigwe Lennox and Ngozi Anunwa
 7. For the Happy repose of Valentine Izuchukwu Chuke — By Osy/Edith Chuke & Family.
 8. For the Happy repose of Charles Onyebuchi Ibe —By Kate Okoye.
 9. For the repose of soul of Livina Egobeke Okwara Lawrence —By Vivian Ejimole & Family.
 10. For the Happy repose of soul of Sylvanus Nwanna Amadi & mercy on the sick family members —By Angela Ofoegbu.
 11. For the Happy repose of Juliana Obinwanne, Martina Maduka, Nathaniel Onwuagha —By Francis & Dorothy Akpangbo.
 12. For the happy repose of soul of Fr. Godwin Ikeobi: 19th year memorial—by Osy/Nneka Ufondu and family.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:
 May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.....AMEN.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:
 As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.....AMEN.

Pray for our Parishioners:
 Jacquelyn Cathcart, Lillie Celestine, Eldora Dixon, Theresa Ezeokoye, Frances Johnson, Michele Johnson, daughter of Michael & Dorothy Johnson, Arlene Miller, Rita Palacio, Michael & Mark Smith, sons of Mary Hudson, Barbara St. Julien, Travis Lewis Sr. Adele Smith, Larry Yates, Vyron Bougere, Faye Armstrong.

Safeguard The Children 3/13/22
DID YOU KNOW?
 The importance of boundaries in ministry
 Good ministry occurs when a person establishes and respects healthy boundaries with the people he or she is trying to serve. Those who work in ministry have to be aware of healthy boundaries and what is and is not appropriate for these scenarios, because the risk of violation can cause serious harm. Good boundaries yield healthy relationships. For more on how to establish boundaries in ministry, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Preserving boundaries in ministry” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



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Everyday, as long as this “today” lasts, keep encouraging one another. — Heb. 3:13