

# Share the Mission

By Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM

On March 24, 1980, Archbishop Óscar Romero of San Salvador was assassinated by those who wished to silence him for preaching the good news of justice and peace to his people who were being abused and oppressed by the government of El Salvador and the oligarchic class that supported it. Romero was not always such a courageous preacher, one unafraid to call out the injustices and crimes in his midst, but over time he became increasingly aware of the hardship that the gospel demanded in living an authentic Christian life—especially as the leader of the Church in San Salvador.

The hardship that the Second Letter to Timothy is talking about here is not reserved simply for official leaders in the Church like Archbishop Romero, but is instead a reality that all the baptized are called to embrace. Jesus says as much in the Gospels when he tells us that part of discipleship requires us to “take up [your] cross and follow me” (Matthew 16:24) and that we may even have to “lay down [our] life” (John 15:13).

Archbishop Romero understood this and, in a homily a year before his martyrdom, said: “Because it is God’s work, we don’t fear the prophetic mission the Lord has entrusted to us...every baptized person has received a share in the prophetic mission of Christ” (July 8, 1979). He said we don’t do the difficult work of the gospel by living alone but with the strength that relies on the power of God. †

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

March 6–11

**Monday, Lenten Weekday:**  
Dn 9:4b–10 / Lk 6:36–38

**Tuesday, Lenten Weekday:**  
Is 1:10, 16–20 / Mt 23:1–12

**Wednesday, Lenten Weekday:**  
Jer 18:18–20 / Mt 20:17–28

**Thursday, Lenten Weekday:**  
Jer 17:5–10 / Lk 16:19–31

**Friday, Lenten Weekday:** Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a / Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

**Saturday, Lenten Weekday:**  
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20 / Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Bringing Home  
the Word

March 5, 2023

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# Run the Race

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As a longtime competitive runner, I really appreciate St. Paul’s metaphor about the Christian life of discipleship being like a race (1 Corinthians 9:24). Whereas St. Paul likely had in mind Greek athletics (think of the ancient Olympic

Games) where there is indeed a greater sense of competition—“the award goes to one person”—I would invite us to think of those community fun runs or even major modern events like the Boston Marathon instead. Indeed, some people run the race to win, but that is a comparatively small percentage of the population. Most people are out not to win an award but to enjoy the event itself.

The nice thing about road races as a metaphor for Christian living is that they include all people—fast runners, slow runners, walkers, spectators, and volunteers. Races are activities that involve all women and men moving as one community in the same direction toward a shared finish line.

Furthermore, they often involve many people cheering the participants from the sidelines. One might even think of this group as similar to the saints that intercede for us, cheer us on, and coach us toward our goal.

May this Lent be a time for us to consider where we are and how we participate in the race of Christian discipleship, moving with the community, and cheering one another onward toward the kingdom of God. †



So that the world may know you by our words  
and actions, we pray—Lord, let us be like you.

The Redemptorists



# Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

March 5, 2023

## What a Blessing!

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today’s readings don’t seem Lenten. They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus’ transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn’t have to

leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

While God’s marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram’s blessings were not simply for him and his family. “All the families of the earth will find blessing in you” (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to “bear your share of hardship for the gospel” (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples, “Listen to him” (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn’t easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance. †

## Sunday Readings

**Genesis 12:1–4a**

The LORD said to Abram...I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you.

**2 Timothy 1:8b–10**

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

**Matthew 17:1–9**

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

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## A Word from Pope Francis

We have not seen with our own eyes the face of Jesus shining like the sun. However, we too were given the Word of Salvation, faith was given to us, and we have experienced the joy of meeting Jesus in different ways. Jesus also says to us: “Rise, and have no fear” (Matthew 17:7).

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## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What God-given blessings am I called to share today?
- How have others blessed me?



## Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Mass Mar. 5, 2023

Lector: Arianna & Leonardo Sánchez

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Marv Grassl

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

Florian & Carolyn Nordhus

**Altar Servers:**

Mackenzie P. & Angie V.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Mass Mar. 12, 2023

Lector: Victoria Ocampo

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Mike Reimers

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

Stacy Ferguson Family

**Alter Servers:**

Josh B. & Adrian K.

### Pope's Prayer intentions: Victims of Abuse.

*Let us pray for those who have suffered because of the wrongs done to them from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.*

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia

10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)

12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

**Saturday:** 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

**Wednesday:** 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

**Confessions:** Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Saturday 4:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

**Church Secretary:** Elida Fernández - [secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com](mailto:secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com)

**Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm**

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Altar Flowers

March – Guadalupanas

April – Altar Society

#### CONFESSIONS

This Thursday the 9th March

@ St. Vincent Parish

5 pm – 8 pm

#### HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED

Meets this Wed. 8th march

Dinner is served @ 5:20 pm

Class begins @ 6:00 pm

#### Connell Food Bank

**Banco de Comida**

**Seniors: Tuesdays**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Edad- Tues. / Martes**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> & 21st**

**10:00 am – 11:30 am**

**General Public:**

El público en general:

**Wednesdays / Miércoles**

**March 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

#### Confession Schedule

**@ St. Pat's –Pasco**

**Tuesday – Friday**

**5 pm – 6 pm**

**@ Sacred Heart- Othello**

**Wed. @ 5 pm**

### .Thank You For Your Generous Contributions

Feb. 5, 2023

Feb. 12, 2023

10:30 am - \$2713.00 10:30 am - \$1383.13

12:00 pm – \$639.53 12:00 pm - \$755.00

Basin City – \$764.00 Basin City – \$908.00

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Connell \$86.00 Basin City \$360.00

### Seeking Volunteer for:

#### Safe Environment Coordinator

St. Vincent Parish and San Juan Diego Mission

are seeking a bilingual volunteer

for each church, to

manage the Safe Environment program.

It requires someone that is responsible and can

maintain a high level of confidentiality of

records. If you are interested please contact:

Elida Fernandez 509-318-0917

### PREPARES PROGRAM

Is seeking financial donations for aiding the families struggling during these difficult economic times. Since last summer the program has doubled in the number of families and children served to 26 families and 35 children. The program provides diapers for a 2 week period each month. If you would like to help please use the envelopes at the entrance of the church labeled as Prepares donation. You may place the donation envelope in the collection basket to hand it to Carolyn, Jeanne. Thank you for your generosity.

### International Pilgrimage statue

**Of Our Lady of Fatima**

**March 20 – 27, 2023**

**At St. Vincent of Paul**

**More details to be announced.**

### LENTEN FISH DINNER

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023**

**@ St. Vincent Parish**

**5 pm -7 pm**

**All are welcomed, cost is by donation.**

### Class / Training

**On March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

**For Lectors and EU Ministers**

**At St. Vincent Parish**

**Continental breakfast will be provided**

### FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS: Mar. 5, 2023 – Mar. 19, 2023

**Monday Mar. 6:**

Fr. Gus' day of rest

**Tues. Mar. 7:**

No Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Spanish Lector & EU minister Trng @ Connell

**Wed. Mar. 8:**

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

5:30 pm Youth @ Basin City

No Confessions @ Connell

**Thurs. Mar. 9:**

10: am Meeting @ Spokane

No Adoration / Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 – 8:00 pm Confession @ Connell

**Fri. Mar. 10:**

8:00 am Prison Ministry @ Connell

7:00 pm Finance Council @ Basin City

**Sat Mar. 11:**

9:00 am English Lector & EU Minister Trng @ Connell

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

**Sun Mar. 12: Mass**

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

### Please Keep Fr. Gus In Our Prayers.

**Monday Mar. 13:**

Fr. Gus on Vacation

**Tues. Mar. 14:**

Fr. Gus on Vacation

5:30 pm – Communion Service K of C

@ Connell

**Wed. Mar. 15:**

Fr. Gus on Vacation

**Thurs. Mar. 16:**

Fr. Gus on Vacation

**Fri. Mar. 17:**

Fr. Gus on Vacation

6:00 pm Memorial Service by Deacon @ Connell

For Landa family

**Sat Mar. 18:**

9:00 am Altar server Trng by Deacon @ Connell

For both English & Spanish masses servers.

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

**Sun Mar. 19: Mass**

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell