

# Sacrificers Are Fed By Their Own Sacrifice

John Shea

When I was a young child, my grandfather used to play a game with me as old as the dawn of time. He would take a cookie in his hand and show it to me. He proceeded to put both hands behind his back and then bring them to the front. Both hands were closed into fists.

"If you can guess what hand the cookie is in, you can have it," he would say. I would walk around his hands trying to catch a glimpse of the cookie. But his hands were large, and the cookie was well-tucked inside. Finally, I would venture a guess and tap a hand. Both hands would open and turn over, flat as plates.



On each hand was half a cookie. The scoundrel had broken the cookie in half behind his back.

I would say, "Pop, you cheated!" But by that time he had eaten one of the halves. With his mouth full, he would say to me, "You had better hurry."

I think we break both bread and life like that, half for us and half for others. Jesus ate the bread he broke and fed himself on his own life. Sacrificers are fed by their own sacrifice. This is a secret we seldom acknowledge. There is more love when we give it away rather than keep it, more love for those who give it and more love for those who receive it. In the world of Spirit, what is shared does not divide. It becomes more abundant. †

Source: *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter*, 2008

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Understanding Sin Today" by Richard M. Gula, SS

We talk about sin differently today because the relational model of the moral life has replaced the legal model. One thing that hasn't changed, though, is our concept of God's love and mercy. We do not believe God wants us to be weighed down with a distorted sense of guilt and responsibility. Rather, we believe we are invited to participate more fully in the creative power of God. He accomplishes this by calling us to reconciliation, to reconnect with our best selves, with others, with the world, and with himself. The sacrament of reconciliation is an opportunity and invitation to heal the brokenness in our lives and to set relationships right. †

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So that in all that we say  
and do, we may choose  
to witness to God's love  
for all life, we pray—  
Lord, let us be like you.

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

March 11–16

**Monday, Lenten Weekday:**  
Is 65:17–21 / Jn 4:43–54

**Tuesday, Lenten Weekday:**  
Ez 47:1–9, 12 / Jn 5:1–16

**Wednesday, Lenten Weekday:**  
Is 49:8–15 / Jn 5:17–30

**Thursday, Lenten Weekday:**  
Ex 32:7–14 / Jn 5:31–47

**Friday, Lenten Weekday:**  
Wis 2:1a, 12–22 / Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

**Saturday, Lenten Weekday:**  
Jer 11:18–20 / Jn 7:40–53

Bringing Home  
the Word

March 10, 2024

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# Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)  
March 10, 2024

## You Decide

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions, we demonstrate we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself, but in the options given to us. And there is the rub. Often these options are not of our choosing. This can cause decision-making to be very difficult.

## Sunday Readings

**2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23**

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.

**Ephesians 2:4–10**

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.

**John 3:14–21**

[Jesus said,] "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, or harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will likely keep society as is. Which will it be? You decide. †

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## A Word from Pope Francis

The coming of Jesus into the world leads to a choice: whoever chooses darkness will face a judgment of condemnation; whoever chooses light will have a judgment of salvation.... This is what we are called to do with greater dedication during Lent: to welcome the light into our conscience, to open our hearts to God's infinite love....

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## REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Have you ever compromised your religious values in order to get by in life?
- Might God be asking you to choose something new?



## Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

"We as a community rooted in the Catholic faith seek to imitate Christ's  
Examples of love and service to others and spread the light of our faith to others."  
Parish phone: 509-234-2262 **Mar. 10, 2024** website: [stvincentconnell.org](http://stvincentconnell.org)

Fr. Lutakome Deo Nsubuga

Deacon Arturo Biebrich parish phone: 509-222-9223 after 5 pm only

### 4th Sunday of Lent

Mass Mar. 10, 2024

Lector: Brandy Ferguson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Maria G., Wally G.

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

Florian & Carolyn Nordhus

**Altar Servers:**

Mackenzie & Emmett

### 5th Sunday of Lent

Mass Mar. 17, 2024

Lector: James Elkington

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Mike R. & Eloisa M.

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

Martin & Maria Garcia

**Alter Servers:**

Giselle & Aubriel

### Pope's Prayer Intentions:

For the new martyrs;

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel  
in various parts of the world inflame the Church with  
their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

### 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)

2:00 pm @ San Juan Diego (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

Friday 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 pm – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

**Prayer Chain:** Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

**Breezeway Calendar:** If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like  
on the all-parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact  
Marla Goade @ 539-5354 [wmgoade73@gmail.com](mailto:wmgoade73@gmail.com)

**Weekly Bulletin:** Please email Elida Fernández [secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com](mailto:secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com) by  
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see photos of all the activities that have been happening. If you want to post church happenings on  
Facebook, please email Onna Pollock at [olpollock@yahoo.com](mailto:olpollock@yahoo.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Altar Flowers

Mar. – Altar Society

April – Guadalupanas

#### NO CONFESSIONS

This Wednesday Mar. 13th

@ St. Vincent Parish

This Friday Mar. 15th

@ San Juan Diego

### Confession Schedule

@ St. Pat's –Pasco

Wednesdays

5 pm – 8 pm

@ Sacred Heart- Othello

Wed. @ 5 pm

### Connell Food Bank

**Banco de Comida**

**Seniors: Tuesdays**

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

**Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am – 11:30 am**

**General Public:**

**El público en general:**

**Wed. / Miércoles**

**Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

### Thank You for Your Generous Contributions

Feb. 4, 2024

10:30 am - \$949.96

12:00 pm – \$857.00

Basin City – \$1744.37

Feb. 11, 2024

10:30 am - \$3918.53

12:00 pm – \$676.25

Basin City – \$884.00

Feb. 18, 2024

10:30 am - \$799.00

12:00 pm – \$903.25

Basin City – \$2846.45

Feb. 25, 2024

10:30 am - \$

12:00 pm – \$

Basin City – \$

### MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

**Meets this Monday, the 11th**

**See everyone tomorrow**

**@ 6:30 pm**

**High School Rel. Ed**

**Meets this Wednesday 13th**

**See everyone on this Wednesday!**

**@ 5:30 pm**

### DESERT WAY OF THE CROSS

**Sunday March 24, 2024**

**Meet at St. Vincent's back parking lot  
and for bus transportation at 2:00 pm  
Further details on the clipboard sign-up  
sheet at the entrance of the church.**

### FR. LUTA'S SCHEDULE FOR the WEEK:

**Mar. 10, 2024 – Mar. 17, 2024**

**Keep Fr. Luta in your prayers**

**Mon. Mar. 11:**

**Fr. Luta's on Honduras Mission**

**6:30 pm Middle School Program meets**

**Tues Mar. 12:**

**No Confessions @ Eltopia**

**No Mass @ Eltopia**

**Wed. Mar. 13:**

**No Adoration @ Connell**

**No Mass @ Connell**

**5:30 pm Hi School Religious Ed. @ Connell**

**No Confessions @ Connell**

**Thurs. Mar. 14:**

**No Adoration @ Eltopia**

**No Mass @ Eltopia**

**Fri. Mar. 15:**

**8:00 am Prison Ministry @ Connell**

**No Confessions @ Basin City**

**Sat. Mar. 16:**

**7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City**

**Sun. Mar. 17: Mass**

**8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia**

**10:30 am Mass @ Connell**

**12:00 pm Mass @ Connell**

**2:00 pm Mass @ Basin City**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**This Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March.**

**at St. Vincent Parish @ 6 pm**

**remember to bring some soup to share  
after Stations with all participating  
parishioners.**

### OFFICE HOURS AT ST. VINCENT'S

**For the month of March**

**Tuesday and Thursday**

**12 pm – 4 pm**