

The Importance of Being "Nobody"

Nathan D. Mitchel

Emily Dickinson begins one of her poems by declaring, "I'm nobody!" She then asks her readers, "Are you nobody too?" Dickinson's words are not simply a manifesto against self-importance. She considers being "nobody" as a blessing, not a diminishment.

As many modern Scripture scholars point out, Jesus also was a "nobody from nowhere," a marginal Jewish layperson from Galilee, an unimportant—even suspect—region. One reason, perhaps, why we know so little about what Jesus said and did from the time he was twelve until he was a mature adult is simply that his contemporaries didn't see anything special or extraordinary about him. Saint Paul also was a "nobody" who argued vigorously against fat-cat "super apostles" who were more eloquent, more



impressive, and better looking than he was (see 2 Corinthians 11). Weakness, Paul claimed, was the surest sign God had chosen him for ministry among those other "have-nots," the Gentiles.

In a culture that overvalues celebrities, salutes success, and often demonizes the poor and the weak, we Christians are called to witness to the importance of being nobody. Looking at our lives today, we might ask: How—here, now, in my community—am I being invited to become a voice for the voiceless, an advocate for the abandoned, a companion for the ill and elderly, a source of hope for the hopeless? At the table with his friends the night before he died, Jesus, that "nobody from nowhere," declared that bread broken and shared had become his body. He revealed to us the "eucharistic law" that prevails throughout the universe: each of us is meant to become food for the hungry, bread for the life of the world. †

Source: *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter*, 2010

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "The Wisdom of Sister Thea Bowman"

Life for a while and then death. It's as simple as that. When I first found out I had cancer, I didn't know what to pray for. I didn't know if I should pray for healing or life or death. Then, I found peace in praying for what my folks call "God's perfect will." As it evolved, my prayer has become, "Lord, let me live until I die." By that I mean I want to live, love, and serve fully until death comes. If that prayer is answered, if I am able to live until I die, how long really doesn't matter. †

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So that we may live fully and become the person God created us to be, we pray—Lord, let us be like you.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 18–23

Monday, Lenten Weekday: Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62 / Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk 2:41–51a

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday: Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95 / Jn 8:31–42

Thursday, Lenten Weekday: Gn 17:3–9 / Jn 8:51–59

Friday, Lenten Weekday: Jer 20:10–13 / Jn 10:31–42

Saturday, Lenten Weekday: Ez 37:21–28 / Jn 11:45–56



Bringing Home the Word +

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

March 17, 2024

Do I Have to Die?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Who has not asked this question, at least to oneself? It's a valid question, because at the core of every living person is the desire to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27, "I am troubled now." Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later.

The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared

with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us—there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendid future, we will have to die, just like the grain.

Our Lenten meditations will focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation. This is why we claim that death is not the end of life, but the gateway to new life. So as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus, we must die in order to enter new life. †

A Word from Pope Francis

Many people...would like to "see Jesus," to meet him, to know him.... We too must respond with the witness of a life that is given in service, a life that takes upon itself the style of God—closeness, compassion and tenderness.... It means sowing seeds of love, not with fleeting words but through concrete, simple and courageous examples....

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- Can you give God your little problems to prepare to do likewise with bigger matters?
- What can you do to avoid regret when this life ends?

HORARIO DE LA OFICINA DE LA PARROQUIA

Martes, Miércoles, Jueves 12:00 pm. – 3:30 p.m.

Elida Fernández, secretaria, número de teléfono 509-234-2262

Si tiene información que deseé poner en el boletín llame antes del jueves al 509 318 0917

Correo electrónico: secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com

CONFESIONES

Los Miércoles 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. en Connell

Los Viernes

4:30 p.m. en Basin City

Sacramento De Bautismo

La serie de pláticas pre-bautismales son mensuales. Pasen con la secretaría para registrarse. O el primer MIERCOLES de cada mes a las 6 pm en Basin City con Miguel y Estela Vásquez (845-5567). SOLAMENTE SE ACEPTARÁN APPLICACIONES Y SE DARÁN LAS PLATICAS PRE-BAUTISMALES A LAS FAMILIAS QUE LLEVEN TODOS LOS DOCUMENTOS EL DÍA DE LA PLATICA INICIAL DE BAUTISMO Y CUMPLAN CON LOS REQUISITOS. LAS PLATICAS DEBEN SER COMPLETADAS ANTES DE PODER BAUTIZAR. Una cuota de \$100 dólares se les pedirá a las personas que vayan a bautizar en la parroquia. El donativo se pedirá al momento de las Pláticas Pre Bautismales. Si usted solo desea la plática porque serán padrinos en alguna otra parroquia el mismo donativo será pedido. Las fechas son predeterminadas por el Padre

Para más información hable con

La secretaria de la parroquia o Miguel y Estela Vásquez.
NO se celebran bautismos durante Adviento o Cuaresma

No se permiten niños en las pláticas.

Bautismos fuera del horario planificado tendrán que Pagar una cuota adicional.

Sacramento del Matrimonio

Las parejas que deseen recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio necesitan llenar una aplicación con la secretaría de la parroquia. Las Pláticas prematrimoniales se requieren antes de celebrar el Sacramento de Matrimonio. Las cuotas para bodas son \$450 y \$100.00 por las pláticas. Las cuotas se pagan con la secretaría cuando se reciben la aplicación.

Quinceañeras

Si están planeando una quinceañera, necesitan llenar una aplicación y hablar con la secretaría con 1 año antes de la fiesta. En Connell y San Juan Diego se celebra las quinceañeras durante los sábados. Se les pide una cuota de: \$450.00. La cuota de las pláticas es \$100. Una vez se reciba la aplicación y cuotas se asigna síta con el Padre para las pláticas.

Las aplicaciones y cuotas se procesan con la secretaría. No celebramos quinceañeras durante Adviento y Cuaresma. Recuerden la quinceañera necesita cumplir con todo el programa de preparación.

Peticiones

San Juan Diego-Basin City: Para las peticiones en la misa llame antes del sábado a Lourdes Plaza 509-528-9436. En Connell a Elida Fernández 509 318-0917.

Flores del Altar

Marzo – Altar Society
Abril - Guadalupanas

CONFESIONES

Este miércoles, 20 de Marzo en San Vicente @ 6:30 pm

Este viernes 22 de Marzo en San Juan Diego @ 4:30 pm

Horarios de Confesiones

@ San Patricio –Pasco

Los Miércoles
5 pm – 8 pm

@ Sagrado Corazon - Othello

Miércoles @ 5 pm

Connell Food Bank

Banco de Comida

Seniors: Tuesday

3rd Edad- Tues. / Martes

Marzo 26

10:00 am – 11:30 am

General Public:

El público en general:

Wed. / Miércoles

Marzo 27

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

COLECTA DOMINICAL – GRACIAS

Feb. 25, 2024 Mar. 3, 2024

10:30 am - \$1233.00 10:30 am - \$3610.00

12:00 pm - \$779.09 12:00 pm - \$726.61

Basin City - \$1193.00 Basin City - \$898.00

Mar. 10, 2024 Mar. 17, 2024

10:30 am - \$909.40 10:30 am - \$

12:00 pm - \$612.00 12:00 pm - \$

Basin City - \$649.00 Basin City - \$

Programa de los lunes para Preadolescentes

Se reúne este lunes 18 de marzo
Nos vemos mañana lunes @ 6:30 pm

Programa del miércoles de jóvenes de Educación Religiosa

Se reúne este miércoles
20 de marzo @ 5:30 pm Feliz puente de primavera

y nos vemos después de las vacaciones de primavera el miércoles 10 de abril.

Viacrucis en el Desierto Domingo 24 de Marzo

Reúnase en el estacionamiento atrás de San Vicente y para el transporte en autobús a las 2:00 p. m.

Más detalles en la hoja de inscripción en el portapapeles a la entrada de la iglesia.

OFICINA DE SAN VICENTE HORARIO EL MES DE MARZO MARTES Y JUEVES 12 PM – 4 PM

Horario del Padre Luta:

Marzo 17, 2024 – Marzo 24, 2024

Oremos por Padre Luta

Lunes Mar. 18:

Padre Luta Dia de descanso
6:30 pm El grupo de Preadolescentes

Martes Mar. 19:

4:00 pm Confesiones @ Eltopia
5:00 pm Reunión de Caballeros

Miércoles Mar. 20:

7:30 am Adoración @ Connell
8:30 am Misa @ Connell
5:30 pm Hi School Grupo @ Connell
6:30 pm Confesiones @ Connell

Jueves Mar. 21:

10:00 am Adoración @ Eltopia
10:30 am Misa @ Eltopia

Viernes Mar. 22:

8:00 am Misa @ Prisión
4:30 pm Confesiones @ Basin City

Sábado Mar. 23:

7:00 pm Misa @ Basin City

Domingo Marzo 24: Misa Domingo de Ramos

8:00 am Misa @ Eltopia
10:30 am Misa @ Connell
12:00 pm Misa @ Connell
2:00 pm Autobús sale para el Viacrucis
2:00 pm Misa @ Basin City

HABRA VIACRUCIS

EN SAN VICENTE

Este viernes 22 de marzo

en San Vicente @ 6 pm.

Recodemos traer sopa para compartir con todos los feligreses que nos acompañan al viacrucis.