

GOSPEL MEDITATION – ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 13, 2022
2nd Sunday of Lent

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, “he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man . . . might become the son of God.” We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It’s not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

13 de marzo de 2022
2º Domingo de la Cuaresma

“El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación, ¿a quién he de temer? Amparo de mi vida es el Señor, ¿ante quien temblaré? (Salmo 26,1). Junto a Dios no se debe de tener temor. Hemos visto como la pandemia destrozó vidas, y aun vivimos las secuelas de esta experiencia mundial. Dejó a muchas personas sin hogar y sin trabajo, sin techo ni comida. Sin embargo, en medio de todas las luchas de la presente vida, la persona no se desanima, porque grande es su esperanza que le reserva el Señor al final de su combate en la vida. ¡Dios siempre ha estado con nosotros, su compasión no tiene medida!

La Transfiguración de Jesús sitúa hacia donde será el final de este camino. La Liturgia de este segundo domingo de Cuaresma, indica también lo que será la gran celebración de la Pascua. “Maestro, ¡qué bueno que estemos aquí! Levantemos tres chozas: una para ti, otra para Moisés y otra para Elías. Pero no sabía lo que decía (Lucas 9,33). Pedro, sin saber lo que decía, propone a Jesús detener ese momento de gloria para siempre, construyendo tres chozas, una para Jesús y otras dos para sus acompañantes. ¿Qué choza construiremos a Jesús en esta Cuaresma? ¿Cuál es la esperanza que mueve a vivir la vida con esperanza? San Juan, en su Evangelio, indica la cercanía y unidad entre Jesús y su Padre. “Ahora, Padre, dame junto a ti la misma Gloria que tenía a tu lado antes que comenzara el mundo (Juan 17,5). ¡Escuchemos a Jesús, que es el amado del Padre! Durante la semana, busque a propósito un tiempo de oración para tener unidad con Dios Padre, Dios Hijo y Dios Espíritu Santo.

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Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow – a day at a time

Sunday, Mar 13, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

A heart-warming witness

She was divorced—twice. Mary Clarke Brenner

(1926–2013) lived in Beverly Hills: not an address associated with holy living. Yet this remarkable woman would go on to become the “Prison Angel,” dedicating her life to criminals in a maximum-security jail. Mother Antonia, as she was later known, didn’t just visit the incarcerated; she moved into the jail and lived among them for years. Others sought to imitate her generous spirit and formed the Eudist Servants of the Eleventh Hour—mindful that any of us might need saving in the end. “Warm the coldest heart,” was her prayer. Pray for prison ministries.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28b–36 (27). “Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.”

Monday, Mar 14, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Take a reverent knee in solidarity

The BBC named 45-year-old Xaverian Sister Ann Rose Nu Tawng of Myanmar among the news agency’s list of “100 inspiring and influential woman from around the world” for 2021. Stunning news photos and videos showed her kneeling with arms outstretched before security forces, asking them to shoot her instead of peaceful protesters of the country’s military takeover. Two of the armed police dropped to their knees and folded their hands. On this, the last day of National Catholic Sisters Week, it’s a dramatic example of the selfless sacrifice of religious women who give their lives in service to and love of Christ. The vast majority don’t become sensations for their acts, but they are still heroes.

TODAY’S READINGS: Daniel 9:4b–10; Luke 6:36–38 (230). “For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

Tuesday, Mar 15, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

A cardinal’s titular role

It was a huge honor for the United States when—on this day in 1875—Pope Pius IX elevated New York’s Archbishop John McCloskey to become the first-ever cardinal from the United States. It meant American Catholics finally had a seat at the table. All cardinals belong to the College of Cardinals, which elects and counsels the pope. And all cardinals automatically assume honorary leadership of dioceses and parishes around Rome—meaning they, too, could be promoted bishop of Rome one day. While our church preserves such hierarchical traditions, God sees beyond rank to the quality of service we render, regardless of station. Pray for all to serve the church with wisdom and love.

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10, 16–20; Matthew 23:1–12 (231). “Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ.”

Wednesday, Mar 16, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Be bold in your witness for justice

On this day in 1877, the renowned black Catholic scholar and activist Dr. Thomas Wyatt Turner was born in Hughesville, Maryland. The first African American to earn a Ph.D. in botany (or in any subject from Cornell University), Turner would go on to co-found both the NAACP in 1909 and the Federated Colored Catholics in 1924.

Via both organizations, he would lobby to end segregation at the Catholic University of America as well as in U.S. seminaries (especially that of the Josephites, an order founded to serve African Americans). He died in 1978 at the age of 101. May his legacy be for all of us a model of defiant witness for the oppressed.

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Matthew 20:17–28 (232).

“Remember that I stood before you to speak in their behalf.”

Thursday, Mar 17, 2022

MEMORIAL OF PATRICK, BISHOP, MISSIONARY

Have you answered the call?

In the modern Western world, middle-class people rarely face death by starvation or religious persecution. Saint Patrick, the great evangelizer of Ireland in the 600s, faced both these threats when he finally acted on his long-avoided calling to bring the Christian message to the people of Ireland. Have you ever inconvenienced yourself to carry out something God called you to? Take a moment today to reflect on your own calling in life and the sacrifice it entails.

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Luke 16:19–31 (233). “If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.”

Friday, Mar 18, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

The doctor prescribes some “me time”

In a series of lectures known as the Catechesis, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem instructed fourth-century catechumens in the faith. His lessons continue to be enlightening: “The present is the season of confession,” Cyril writes of Lent. “Confess what thou hast done in word or in deed. . . . Forsake things present and put your trust in things to come. Have you run so many circles [over] the years busied in vain about the world, and have you not 40 days to be free for prayer, for your own soul’s sake? ‘Be still, and know that I am God,’ says the Scripture. . . . You are running for yourself, see to your own interest.” Note well: You have the permission of a saint and doctor of the church to go off the grid for a time and tend to your own spiritual well-being.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a; Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46 (234). “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”

Saturday, Mar 19, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

First spouse

On May 1, 2013, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments instructed that the name of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, be inserted into all the Eucharistic Prayers of the Mass. So now when the priest invokes the name of the Mother of God during the prayers at the altar, he includes “with Blessed Joseph, her spouse.” Joseph is our model of the just man, the good husband. Pray for husbands everywhere, that Joseph be their model and a source of strength.

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Luke 2:41–51a (543). “He did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”

St. Bernard's Food Bank

The Church of St. Bernard will be distributing, dairy, fruit and vegetable products at the main entrance of the St. Bernard's Community Center. This will be on a first come first serve basis on Thursday, March 24th at 4:00pm.

Volunteers Needed

The Church of St. Bernard needs the help of at least 5 volunteers to assist us with the distribution of food from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. If you are able to help, please make sign up by visiting our parish website and clicking on the **GREEN** Sign-Up Genius button.



Creative Craft Group

The St. Bernard's Creative Craft Group will meet on Friday, March 25th, from 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the Cafeteria. This group is open to all adults and children who enjoy being creative and making arts & crafts. Parents are needed to assist in the coordination of the group. Please join us for some creative fun!



Cardinal's Appeal

Next week is Commitment Weekend at our parish! To support the Cardinal's Appeal, fill out an envelope and drop it off at the church or donate online <https://cardinalsappeal.org/areas-of-support> or by scanning the QR code. One-time gifts or pledges made over time will directly support the Archdiocese of New York's parishes, priests and parishioners.



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Little Disciple Learning Center

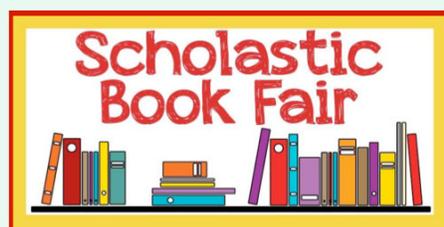


2022-2023 Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year at The Little Disciples Learning Center has begun. We recommend that parents interested in registering their child for the 3 or 4-year-old program please contact the Director for more information about the program and the facility. Registration forms and required documents must be complete and submitted at the time of registration in order for the student to be enrolled. For further information please contact Jennifer Frias-Gonzalez at 914-428-4727 or by email at Director@littlediscipleswp.com

Scholastic Book Fair

The Little Disciple Learning Center is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from March 14th, 2022 to March 18th, 2022 from 8:30am to 6:00pm to celebrate reading with your child! Reading an average of 20 minutes per day is one of the easiest ways to build your child's vocabulary and reading skills! Kids love reading with their family and they enjoy it even more when they choose their own books. The Book Fair is the perfect opportunity to celebrate reading and let kids choose books they love.



Stations of the Cross

On Fridays during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held in English at 7:00 pm and in Spanish at 8:00pm in person.



Banco de Alimentos de San Bernardo

La Iglesia de San Bernardo distribuirá productos lácteos, frutas y vegetales en la entrada principal del Centro Comunitario de San Bernardo. Esto será por orden de llegada el jueves 24 de marzo a las 4:00 p.m.

Necesitamos Voluntarios

La Iglesia de San Bernardo necesita la ayuda de al menos 5 voluntarios para ayudarnos con la distribución de alimentos de 3:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m. Si nos puede ayudar, por favor regístrese visitando el sitio web de nuestra parroquia y haciendo clic en el botón **VERDE** Sign-Up Genius.



Grupo de artesanía creativa

El grupo de manualidades creativas de San Bernardo se reunirá el viernes 25 de marzo de 6:00 p.m. a 7:30 p.m. en la cafetería. Este grupo está abierto a todos los adultos y niños que disfrutan ser creativos y hacer manualidades. Se necesitan padres para ayudar en la coordinación del grupo. ¡Únase a nosotros para divertirse creativamente!



Apelación del Cardenal

¡La próxima semana es el Fin de Semana de Compromiso en nuestra parroquia! Para apoyar la Campaña del Cardenal, complete un sobre y déjelo en la iglesia o haga una donación en línea <https://cardinalsappeal.org/areas-of-support> o escaneando el código QR. Las donaciones únicas o las promesas hechas a lo largo del tiempo apoyarán directamente a las parroquias, sacerdotes y feligreses de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York.



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Centro de Aprendizaje de los Pequeños Discípulos



Inscripción 2022-2023

Ha comenzado la inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 en el Centro de Aprendizaje de los Pequeños Discípulos. Recomendamos que los padres interesados en inscribir a su hijo en el programa de 3 o 4 años, se comuniquen con la Directora para obtener más información sobre el programa y las instalaciones. Los formularios de inscripción y los documentos requeridos deben estar completos y presentados en el momento de la inscripción para que el estudiante pueda inscribirse. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Jennifer Frias-Gonzalez al 914-428-4727 o por correo electrónico a Director@littlediscipleswp.com

Feria del Libro Escolar

¡El Centro de aprendizaje de los Pequeños Discípulos está organizando una Feria del libro Scholastic del 14 de marzo de 2022 al 18 de marzo de 2022 de 8:30 a. m. a 6:00 p. m. para celebrar la lectura con su hijo! ¡Leer un promedio de 20 minutos por día es una de las maneras más fáciles de desarrollar el vocabulario y las habilidades de lectura de su hijo! A los niños les encanta leer en familia y lo disfrutan aún más cuando eligen sus propios libros. La Feria del Libro es la oportunidad perfecta para celebrar la lectura y dejar que los niños elijan los libros que aman.

Estaciones de la Cruz

Los viernes durante la Cuaresma, las Estaciones de la Cruz se llevarán a cabo en inglés a las 7:00 p. m. y en español a las 8:00pm en persona.





Saturday, March 12, 2022

5:30 Heriberto Melendez

Sunday, March 13, 2022

9:30 Bill Fargelli

11:30 Gustavo de Jesus Zuleta &
Natalia Andrea Zuleta

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

9:00 John Burke

Thursday, March 17, 2022

9:00 Laurence Broderick

Friday, March 18, 2022

9:00 Jose Siguenca (Living)

Saturday, March 19, 2022

5:30 William Correa

Sunday, March 20, 2022

9:30 Nicola Marino

11:30 Elsa Velez

**Prayer for the Sick /
Oración para los Enfermos**

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and those who serve them. / *Recemos por todas las personas de nuestra parroquia que se encuentran enfermas.*

**William Fargelli
Bernie Levine
Elie Rodriguez**

**Jerrie Duffy
Jennie Magnotta
Vicky Rebatta**



Sunday's Collection:

Today's Second Collection is for Fuel. Next week's Second Collection will be for Utility. Thank you for your generous support to our parish.

La Segunda Colecta de hoy será para el Combustible. La Segunda Colecta de la próxima semana sera para las Utilidades. Gracias por sus generosas contribuciones a nuestra parroquia.

**Weekly Collections
Beyond Sunday Morning Campaign**

1st Collection -

Parish Envelopes & Cash:	\$3,047
WeShare Electronic Donations:	\$2,608
QR Codes Electronic Donations:	\$45
1st Collection Total:	<u>\$5,700</u>

2nd Collection -

Parish Envelopes & Cash:	\$1,112
WeShare Electronic Donations:	\$46
QR Codes Electronic Donations:	\$0
2nd Collection Total:	<u>\$1,158</u>

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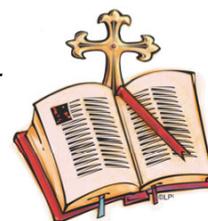


Reserving Announced Masses

To request a Mass be offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the Rectoría 914-949-2111. Mass offering is \$15.

Reservando Misas Anunciadas.

Para solicitar una Misa para un ser querido, vivo o fallecido, por favor comuníquese a la Rectoría al 914-949-2111. El ofrecimiento para la misa es \$15.



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