



JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE PARISH PARROQUIA DE JESUS, PAN DE VIDA

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023

ONE PARISH WITH
TWO WORSHIP SITES



Our Lady of Grace Church
2450 N Ridgeway Ave, Chicago, IL 60647

WEEKEND LITURGIES
Saturday Confessions at 4:30 pm & Mass
5:30pm (Bilingual)

SUNDAY MASSES
8:00am English, 10:00am & 12:00pm Español

WEEKLY BILINGUAL MASSES
Monday: 7:00 pm, Thursday 7:00 pm
Adoration after mass, Friday: 7:00 pm



St. Sylvester Church
2157 N. Humboldt Blvd., Chicago, IL
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SUNDAY MASSES
9:00am Español
11:00am English
1:00pm Español

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Missionary Disciple!

Pastor's Column

When does my self-centeredness lead me to give into temptation? How can my Christian concern for others help me resist that temptation?

Temptation has been part of the world from the beginning. In the story of creation, humanity's first home is the Garden in Eden, with the forbidden tree right in its center. We hear Adam and Eve succumb to the serpent's temptation in this garden of plenty. In its opposite in a barren desert, Jesus uses God's word to resist the temptations of the devil. Paul tells us that Adam and Eve's disobedience brought death into the world, but Jesus' obedience brought life.

The Holy Spirit gathers us together today as we begin this forty-day season of Lent. Life is full of temptations, and we are especially aware of them during Lent. We are tempted to do things we find desirable, even when we know they're wrong. We are tempted to avoid things that are undesirable, even when we know they're the right thing to do.

The devil didn't really know the Son of God too well. Each temptation would have been much more successful if he'd been dealing with a self-centered person. After days of fasting alone in a barren desert, a self-centered person would have been only too glad to see stones turn into bread. A self-centered person would have no qualms about jumping off a parapet if angels would prevent any harm. A self-centered person would do anything to gain all the kingdoms of the world. Jesus did accomplish all these miraculous things because he did them on behalf of others. He offered his own body to be living bread to nourish the whole world. He threw himself at the mercy of the authorities and was lifted up on a cross not to be saved by angels, but to save all of us. He did not gain all the kingdoms of the world for himself, but he gained God's kingdom more magnificent than any earthly kingdom for us all. His obedience to his Father gained for us all what his disobedience would have gained for only himself.

Our Lenten theme this year is walking together. Self-centeredness' can be a cancer towards building this reality.



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Our new reality of one parish with two churches helps us to open our mind to moving away from our self-centeredness. As ash Wednesdays has reminded us to turn away from sin and everything that divide us and embrace the newness in the gospel. Having all statues covered in Lent help us to only have one focus, the mystery of our salvation through death and resurrection of Christ, the paschal mystery. Every time we meet in church Jesus prepares for us a meal that he invites all of us to come and eat. May the celebration of Eucharist unites us as one community and help us to get rid of self-centeredness we might have. When does my self-centeredness lead me to give into temptation? How can my Christian concern for others help me resist that temptation?

In Christ Jesus,
Fr. Sam

¡Discípulo Misionario !

Página del Pastor

Hermanos y hermanas,

¿Cuándo me lleva mi egocentrismo a rendirme ante la tentación? ¿Cómo me ayuda mi preocupación cristiana por los demás a resistir esa tentación?

La tentación ha sido parte del mundo desde el principio. En la historia de la creación el primer hogar de la humanidad es el jardín del Edén con el árbol prohibido en el centro. El relato nos cuenta cómo Adán y Eva sucumben a las artimañas de la serpiente en ese jardín de sobreabundancia. En lugar opuesto —un desierto árido— Jesús usa la palabra de Dios para resistir las tentaciones del demonio. Pablo nos dice que la desobediencia de Adán y Eva trajo la muerte al mundo, pero la obediencia de Jesús trajo la vida. El Espíritu Santo nos reúne hoy al comenzar este tiempo de Cuaresma de cuarenta días. La vida está llena de tentaciones, y somos especialmente conscientes de ellas durante la Cuaresma. Tenemos la tentación de hacer cosas que nos parecen deseables, incluso cuando sabemos que están mal. Estamos tentados a evitar cosas que no son deseables, incluso cuando sabemos que son lo correcto.

En realidad, el diablo no conocía demasiado bien al Hijo de Dios. Cada tentación habría tenido mucho más éxito si hubiera estado tratando con una persona egocéntrica. Después de días de ayuno solo en un desierto árido una persona egocéntrica habría estado encantada de ver cómo las piedras se convertían en pan. Una persona egocéntrica no tendría reparos en saltar de un precipicio si los ángeles evitaran cualquier daño. Una persona egocéntrica haría cualquier cosa para ganar todos los reinos del mundo. Jesús hizo todas estas cosas milagrosas porque las hizo en nombre de los demás. Ofreció su propio cuerpo como pan vivo para alimentar al mundo entero. Se entregó a las autoridades y fue levantado en una cruz no para ser salvado por los ángeles, sino para salvarnos a todos. No ganó para sí todos los reinos del mundo, pero ganó para todos nosotros el reino de Dios, más magnífico que cualquier reino terrenal. Su obediencia a su Padre ganó para todos nosotros lo que su desobediencia habría ganado sólo para sí mismo.

Nuestro tema de Cuaresma este año es caminar juntos. El "egocentrismo" puede ser un cáncer para la creación de esta realidad. Nuestra nueva realidad de una parroquia con dos iglesias nos ayuda a abrir nuestra mente para alejarnos de nuestro egocentrismo. El miércoles de ceniza nos ha recordado que debemos alejarnos del pecado y de todo lo que nos divide y abrazar la novedad del Evangelio. Tener todas las estatuas cubiertas en Cuaresma nos ayuda a tener un solo enfoque, el misterio de nuestra salvación a través de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo, el misterio pascual. Cada vez que nos reunimos en la iglesia, Jesús nos prepara una comida a la que nos invita a todos. Que la celebración de la Eucaristía nos una como una comunidad y nos ayude a deshacernos del egocentrismo que podamos tener. ¿Cuándo mi egocentrismo me lleva a caer en la tentación? ¿Cómo puede ayudarme mi preocupación cristiana por los demás a resistir esa tentación?

En Cristo Jesús,
Padre Sam

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE
FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

MONDAY (February 27):

7:00pm Daily Mass OLG
7:00pm Grupo Escuela de la Cruz OLG

TUESDAY (February 28):

8:30a Daily Mass OLG
10:00a Legión de Maria Spanish OLG Convent
6:00p English Prayer Group SS in Chapel
600p Stations of the Cross, English SS
7:00p RCIA, Scrutinies E3, SS

WEDNESDAY (March 1)

8:30a Daily Mass SS
3:00p Choir Practice OLG
7:00p Bible Study Spanish OLG
7:00p Pre Baptismal Class in person SS

THURSDAY (March 2)

3:00p Choir Practice OLG
7:00p Daily Mass and Adoration OLG

FRIDAY (March 3)

6:00p Viacrusis Español OLG
7:00p Daily Mass OLG
8:00p Circulo de Oración OLG Church

SATURDAY (March 4):

4:30p Confessions OLG
5:30p Mass Bilingual OLG
5:30p RCIA Llamada de Conversion continua /Call to Continuing Conversion / Mass at 5:30p at Our Lady of Grace

SUNDAY (March 5):

OLG 8:00a Mass – English
OLG 10:00a Mass – Spanish
OLG 12:00p Mass – Spanish
SS 9:00a Mass – Spanish
SS 11:00a Mass – English
SS 1:00p Mass - Spanish
2:30p RCIA at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State St.
Catechumens with godparents/catecúmenos con sus padrinos

FOOD SALE

Our Lady of Grace Church will have a Food Sale next Sunday, March 5th after all the Masses in the school cafeteria. Everyone is welcome. We need your support to make this event a success.

La Iglesia Nuestra Señora de Gracia tendrá venta de Comida el próximo Domingo, Marzo 5 después de todas las misas en la cafetería de la escuela. Todos son bienvenidos. Necesitamos su apoyo para hacer este evento un éxito.

Sunday Offering/ Ofertorio Dominical



Jesus Bread of Life Parish
General Offertory
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February 12, 2023
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First Collection.....\$5,185
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Gracias por su apoyo!

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SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Please help by completing the short, 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. Visit catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code below.

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. You can obtain a paper copy in the narthex or parish office.

The survey is available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31** and will ask you to consider your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are anonymous and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.



Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.

Thank you for helping our parish.

Mass Intentions at Our Lady of Grace Church

Saturday, February 25

5:30p †

Sunday, February 26

8:00a †Valeri Jamba

10:00a Agustín Arzate en Acción de Gracia a San Miguel Arcángel, Alejandro Rendon

12:00p †Julian Salgado

Mass Intentions at St. Sylvester Church

Sunday, February 19

9:00a †Rosario Badillo, †Maria Peralta, †Andres Lagunas, †Abacita Salas Gonzalez

11:00a †Edward Velasco, and the Velasco and Vera Family, †Walter Justiniano, †Pablo Torres, †Milagros Quiñones, †Bianca Angeline Collazo

1:00pm †

In Your Prayers / En sus Oraciones

Luisa Fernanda García, Carmen Vázquez, Leonor Lincheta
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María Del Mar Hernández, Anahí Rodríguez,
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