

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 10, 2025

- 7:30 AM Lucrezia Iacovelli
- 12:30 PM Jerry Campbell
- 7:30 PM Spanish Mass

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

- 7:30 AM Elba Garcia
- 12:30 PM Terry Hettinger

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

- 7:30 AM Msgr. Donald Hanson
- 12:30 PM Arlene Hendrickson

Thursday, March 13, 2025

- 7:30 AM Our Lady of Fatima & Souls in Purgatory
- 12:30 PM Kathleen Mannix

Friday, March 14, 2025

- 7:30 AM Antonio Oliveira Lopes
- 12:30 PM Joseph & Amelia Carney

Saturday, March 15, 2025

- 5:00 PM Edna Pratt
Olinda & Ernesto Marques
Vicencio Viegas
James Agnew
Alzira Oliveira
Maria Garreiro & family
Antonio da Silva & family

Sunday, March 16, 2025

- 7:00 AM Theresa Hettinger
- 8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions
- 10:00 AM Jack Correia (anniversary)
- 11:30 AM People of the Parish
- 5:00 PM Spanish Intentions
- 7:00 PM Jean Farquhar

PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 15, 2025

5:00 PM Fr. Ngozi

Sunday, March 16, 2025

7:00 AM Fr. Ngozi

8:30 AM Fr. Tomaz

10:00 AM Fr. Malcolm

11:30 AM Fr. Malcolm

5:00 PM Fr. Carlos

7:00 PM Fr. Yesudas

(Schedule is subject to change)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.” - DEUTERONOMY 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits” - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren’t owners of anything, we are merely Stewards of God’s gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

March 2nd Actual Collections = \$9,769

March 2nd Mail-In Donations = \$1,620

March 2nd Electronic Donations = \$760

March 2nd Total Collection = \$12,149

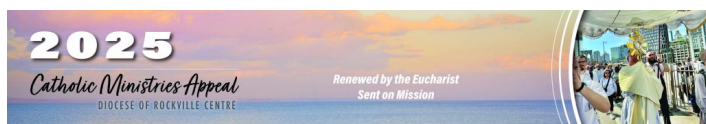
Extra Maintenance = \$870

Attendance = 1,240

Church \$\$\$ Scams

For better or for worse, the reality is that we live in an ever-advancing world of technology; especially lately with explosive developments in “Artificial Intelligence” (A.I.). As your Pastor in the name of Jesus the Good Shepherd, my role is to protect you to the best of my ability; even guarding over your financial assets here at Corpus Christi. Please know that I will never ask you for money via a phone-call, a text, a voicemail, or email. These are all potential scams/frauds by a possible “robotic father malcolm”, not me! The only time I would appeal to your monetary generosity is in person on the Altar, or in a parish/CMA letter. Thank you for your attention to these worldly matters, so that we might focus more deeply on our spiritual life.

Yours in Christ,
Father Malcolm (The priest, not a robot!!)



CMA Numbers for 2025

Goal = \$95,900

Pledges = \$12,850

Payments = \$10,370

Donors = 64

Average = \$201

Thank you to all the families who already have made a sacrificial gift. Please consider a yearly offering.



DIocese of Rockville Centre
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is no coincidence that the global inauguration of our 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope occurred on the Solemnity of the Holy Family. The Jubilee Year of Hope in this 2025 Lenten season runs through the family and fidelity to the splendors of the liberating and objective truths of Christ and the Catholic Church on Marriage and the Family.

Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead individual family members to Christ's light of conversion and repentance. Conversion and repentance, in turn, open families to a family spirit and daily chemistry animated by the Holy Spirit. Family patterns ensnared in the ruts of sin become family patterns transformed by the grooves of grace, humility, charity and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Jubilee Year of Hope runs through every family experiencing Christ's Cross: grief, tragedy, crisis, tension, alienation and transition.

Pope Francis emphasized: "All of us have received the gift and task of bringing hope wherever hope has been lost, lives broken, promises unkept, dreams shattered and hearts overwhelmed by adversity. We are called to bring hope to the weary who have no strength to carry on, the lonely oppressed by the bitterness of failure, and all those who are broken-hearted. To bring hope to the interminable, dreary days of prisoners, to the cold and dismal lodging of the poor, and to all those places desecrated by war and violence. To bring hope there, to sow hope there."¹

The Holy Family was a refugee family and they are deeply present today to every struggling refugee family in the world to rekindle their hope. The Lenten season of the Jubilee Year of Hope reminds us that while all families are imperfect and have their problems and challenges, all families are called to grow together in holiness and a missionary spirit.

And so we heed the powerful words of St. Paul as they apply to our daily family life: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another... Let the peace of Christ control your hearts... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:12-17)

Our Lady invites us to have a pondering heart as we contemplate God's providential design in the past, present and future of our families, especially as we begin this Lenten season in the Jubilee Year of Hope. In unity with the Holy Family, our own families are called to transform the world and history with Christ's love and the mission of mercy of the Church which He Himself founded.

In the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, the Church presents us with the canonizations of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) and Saint Piergiorgio Frassati (1900-1924). As children, teenagers and young adults, they helped Christ transform their own families with their faith and their holiness as they helped Christ transform the Church and the world to this day. Together, they are asking every young Catholic to do the same in their time, in their place and in their own family.

The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope is a time for us and our extended families to cast the nets of Eucharistic charity throughout Long Island, understanding that the Eucharist is a "Fountain of Charity" -- a Fountain of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, a Fountain of the Gospel of Life and a Fountain of every dimension of Catholic Social Justice teaching.

As the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, I want to thank every Catholic family on Long Island and beyond for being Lights of Christ's Hope and Lights of Catholic evangelization to the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹Francis, "Opening of the Holy Door and Midnight Mass: Homily" (December 24, 2024).
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2024/documents/20241224-omelia-natale.html>.

Lenten Nail Meditation

Once again this Lent, we will provide Lenten Nails for you to take and use as your personal Lenten meditation. These nails are intended to revive the ancient Christian practice of meditation, to help you think, ponder, reflect and consider and certainly pray about the meaning of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ for you. This Lent we hope you will take one and keep it with you in your pocket, pocketbook, car, anywhere you go. These Lenten Nails will be available on Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday of Lent on a table in the back vestibule of the Church.



Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent.

7:00 PM in English

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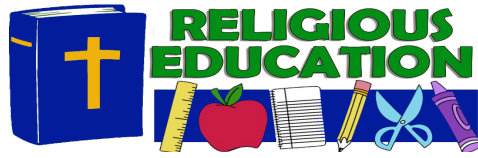
7:30 PM in Spanish/Portuguese.

Corpus Christi Bible Study

Corpus Christi will be starting a Bible Study group very soon!! We will meet on Tuesdays, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM , in the basement of the church.

If you are interested, please contact the rectory as soon as possible (516-746-1223) so we know how many books to order. There will be a fee for each book.





Sunday, Mar. 9, 2025	<p>9:30 AM Gr. 1, 2, IC-2 (<i>Fitz. Hall</i>)</p> <p>10:00 AM Class Mass</p> <p><i>Girl Scout Sunday</i></p>
Tuesday, Mar. 11, 2025	<p>5:30 PM No class for:</p> <p>7A Mr. Crennan/Mr. Perone</p> <p>7D Mr. Donnelly</p> <p>7:00 PM Penance Service (<i>church</i>)</p> <p>8A <i>Mrs. Fernandes</i></p> <p>8B <i>Ms. Rosier</i></p> <p>8C <i>Mrs. Raspen Razzano</i></p> <p>8E <i>Mr. Connor, Mr. Licari</i> <i>Mr. Romanelli</i></p> <p>7A <i>Mr. Crennan/Mr. Perone</i></p> <p>7D <i>Mr. Donnelly</i></p>
Wednesday, Mar. 12, 2025	<p>Gr. 6 Confirmation Interviews (<i>During class time</i>)</p> <p>5:30 PM Mrs. Jeanne Ludwig Mr. Ryan Ludwig</p>
Thursday, Mar. 13, 2025	<p>Gr. 6 Confirmation Interviews (<i>During class time</i>)</p> <p>4:00 PM Mr. Harrington/ Mr. Macchia</p> <p>5:30 PM Mrs. Gandarela/ Mrs. Picarello</p>
Sunday, Mar. 16, 2025	<p>9:30 AM Gr. 3-4 (<i>Fitz. Hall</i>)</p> <p>10:00 AM Class Mass, introducing our new junior lectors: <i>Miss Viivian Siracusa</i> <i>Miss Jane Siracusa</i></p>

<i>Twenty Minutes with the Director</i>	
<i>Sunday, March 16, 2025</i>	<i>Gr. 3, 4</i>
<i>Sunday, March 23, 2025</i>	<i>Gr. 5,6</i>



Corpus Christi Parish
Lenten Project

SOCKS *for the* **HOME**  **LESS**

One of the most requested items from homeless shelters is new, unused socks.

During the six weeks of Lent, Parish Outreach will be sponsoring “Socks for the Homeless”, where we will be donating new, unopened socks for men, women and children to The INN in Hempstead.

There will be a container in the Church lobby for your generous donations.

We will bring them forth at evening Mass on Holy Thursday.

‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej

For Scripture Reflection Series
on **JOHN the BAPTIST**

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Study of Bible Texts

JOHN the BAPTIST
The Friend of the Bridegroom
Preparing the Way for New Life

Registration is required
in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.
Please contact the Western Vicariate office
with your name, parish, email and phone number.

Send your email to:

westernvicariate@drvc.org

or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.





COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Reflections on the Meaning of Season in Christian Life



Join Bishop Andrzej

All Fridays of Lent

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11 at 3 pm

for Webinar Lenten Reflections

Registration Required

Call Suzanne at 516.744.6850

or email - westernvicariate@drvc.org

to receive Zoom Webinar Link





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Return to Me.

40 DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Starting on March 7th, visit 40 different parishes across Long Island for the 40 days of Lent.

MARCH

March 7: Our Lady of Ostrabrama

Cutchogue | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 8: St. Gertrude

Bayville | 3:00-4:45 p.m.

March 9: Mary Immaculate

Bellport | 1:30-2:30 p.m.

March 10: St. Raymond

East Rockaway | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 11: St. Luke

Brentwood | 5:00-6:00 p.m.

March 12: Our Lady of Lourdes

Malverne | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 13: Our Lady of the Assumption

Copague | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 14: St. Catherine of Sienna

Franklin Square | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 15: St. Francis Cabrini

Coram | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 16: Holy Cross

Nesconset | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 17: St. Patrick

Huntington | 12:00-8:00 p.m.

March 18: St. Joseph

Hewlett | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 19: Most Holy Trinity

East Hampton | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

March 20: Our Lady of Mercy

Hicksville | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

March 21: St. Aloysius

Great Neck | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

March 22: Sacred Heart

Island Park | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 23: St. Anthony of Padua

East Northport | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 24: St. Mary

East Islip | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 25: Resurrection

Farmingville | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 26: St. Boniface

Elmont | 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 27: St. Agnes

Greenport | 5:00-9:00 p.m.

March 28: Our Lady of Lourdes

Massapequa Park | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 29: Good Shepherd

Holbrook | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 30: Sacred Heart

North Merrick | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 31: St. Joseph

Kings Park | 6:00-7:00 p.m.

APRIL

April 1: St. Bernard

Levittown | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

April 2: St. Jude

Mastic Beach | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 3: St. Gerard Majella

Port Jefferson Station | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 4: St. Aidan

Williston Park | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 5: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

Roosevelt | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

April 6: St. John the Evangelist

Riverhead | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

April 7: St. Martin of Tours

Bethpage | 7:30-9:00 p.m.

April 8: Our Lady of the Mirac. Medal

Wyandanch | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 9: Holy Name of Mary

Valley Stream | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 10: St. Louis de Montfort

Sound Beach | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

April 11: St. Thomas the Apostle

West Hempstead | 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

April 12: Our Lady of Grace

West Babylon | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

April 14: St. Rose of Lima

Massapequa | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 15: Our Lady of Lourdes

West Islip | 12:30-7:30 p.m.

April 16: St. Kilian

Farmingdale | 12:45-7:30 p.m.



To learn more, visit:
drvc.org/return25



“...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them.”
- Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who reach out to us for help.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

“...hagámonos prójimos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas que pasan dificultades, compartiendo con ellos nuestros bienes espirituales y materiales.”
- Papa Francisco

Lenten Regulations 2025



Lent is more than a season; it's an invitation to step into the desert with Christ. Through fasting and abstinence, the Church invites us to strip away distractions and rediscover our hunger for God. These practices, rooted in Scripture and tradition, are not only rules to follow, they are spiritual tools, gifts from the Church, to help us conform our hearts to the selfless love of Christ.

Weekdays of Lent:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of **Fast and Abstinence** from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Easter Duty Obligation:

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.



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The Corpus Christi Rosary Altar Society would like to welcome everyone back to our first meeting of the year, which will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025, in Fitzgerald Hall, at 6:30 pm. Please use the entrance nearest to the garages and, if you're running late, please use the door(s) to the left of the main Church entrance with the stair case. The upcoming topics of discussion will be an election and a fundraiser later in May. The ladies of the Corpus Christi Rosary Altar Society would like to extend an invitation to those women of the parish who have a special devotion to our Blessed Mother's Rosary, as well as to those women who would like to learn about the Rosary and how to incorporate the Rosary into their daily life.

New members are always welcome. Our meetings are always open to women of the parish. For further information call Carol at 516 456 8823 or Lisa at 516 770 8201.



LA Fires appear to be a thing of the past and yet the devastation continues. We are ever mindful of the crises created by these fires and as such **Court Immaculata #444** has donated \$1,090.00 to this cause through the generosity of the Court as a whole, and individual members and friends. **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** nationally has donated \$30,000+ as relief with additional monies still to come. We stand in Unity and Charity. This is just one way we make a difference.

As we move forward toward Spring, we will host a **Basket Raffle** during the latter part of **March** and a **Night of Reflection** during the Lenten season in **April**. Do keep your eyes open for more information on these two events in subsequent issues of this bulletin and elsewhere. We seek to ease hardship, offer spiritual respite, and companionship in myriad ways. Come visit with us to understand more fully how you too can make a difference. Court Immaculata #444 will meet Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 12:45PM in FitzGerald Hall. You are most welcome to survey our meeting. Contact Gloria Sullivan, Regent, 516.580.2491, for more information. See you soon, Gloria



St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus

Free Health Screenings

Includes a brief cardiac history, blood pressure and a simple blood test for cholesterol and diabetes for adults 18 and older.

We also provide patient education and referrals.

No appointment is required.

Corpus Christi Church

155 Garfield Avenue

Mineola, NY 11501

March 19, 2025

10am-2pm

(Last Screening at 1:45pm)



Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altwater, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Violeta Bernal, Anne Boland, Diane Bombardi, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Jackson Carvalho, Michael Castalino, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lilly Fuentes, Anne Gallagher, Kenneth Gallagher, Elba Garcia, Vanessa Gomes, Filomena Iavarone, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liqury, Vincent Lodato, Thomas Lowe, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Susan O'Brien, Gabriel Palhete, Linda Pires, Charles Procaccini, Dennis Radovic, Mary Renker, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Ann Schwarz, Victoria Sheridan, Lisa Simeone, Lucy Elena Sivirichi, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.

Altar Server Schedule



Sat., March 15	5:00 PM	L.Romito/E.Romito
Sun., March 16	10:00 AM	C.Baker/A.Baker
	11:30 AM	S.Franco/J.Franco



Knights of Columbus

FINANCES & FAITH You and your Family are invited to join us for a Fraternal Benefit Event at Corpus Christi Council #2502 of the Knights of Columbus (186 Jericho Tpke, Mineola) on March 20th at 7:00 pm. Come and learn more about how you can align your finances with your faith. Attendance is open to members & non-members alike. RSVP to Dan Garcia (email - Daniel.Garcia@kofc.org). Please RSVP by March 18th.

Church Donation Envelopes



Before giving your Church donation envelopes, please make sure that the amounts of your donations are written on the envelope. Please also avoid using tape to seal the envelopes. The money counters, thank you very much.

KING KULLEN RECEIPTS

If you shop at the King Kullen in Garden City Park, please save your register receipts and place them in the white basket in the vestibule or in the collection basket or together with your donation in the stewardship envelope. 1% of your total purchase gets donated to the Corpus Christi Religious Education Program.



Wedding Banns

Banns II

Alexandrina Lanceri, Holy Ghost, Rochester & Connor McDermott, St. Aidan

Banns III

Vanessa Mendes, Corpus Christi Church & Jason Rocha, Corpus Christi Church



Please Pray For The Deceased



Jennie M. Scapellati

Español

1 DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



EVANGELIO DE SAN LUCAS 4, 1-13

En aquel tiempo, Jesús, lleno del Espíritu Santo, regresó del Jordán y conducido por el mismo Espíritu, se internó en el desierto, donde permaneció durante cuarenta días y fue tentado por el demonio. No comió nada en aquellos días, y cuando se completaron, sintió hambre. Entonces el diablo le dijo: *“Si eres el Hijo de Dios, dile a esta piedra que se convierta en pan”*. Jesús le contestó: *“No sólo de pan vive el hombre”*. Después lo llevó el diablo a un monte elevado y en un instante le hizo ver todos los reinos de la tierra y le dijo: *“A mí me ha sido entregado todo el poder y la gloria de estos reinos, y yo los doy a quien quiero. Todo esto será tuyo, si te arrodillas y me adoras”*. Jesús le respondió: *“Está escrito: Adorarás al Señor tu Dios, y a él sólo servirás”*. Entonces lo llevó a Jerusalén, lo puso en la parte más alta del templo y le dijo: *“Si eres el Hijo de Dios, arrójate desde aquí, porque está escrito: Los ángeles del Señor tienen órdenes de cuidarte y de sostenerte en sus manos, para que tus pies no tropiecen con las piedras”*. Pero Jesús le respondió: *“También está escrito: No tentarás al Señor, tu Dios”*. Concluidas las tentaciones, el diablo se retiró de él, hasta que llegara la hora.



Comienza la Cuaresma y el evangelista nos sitúa en el desierto, donde vemos a Jesús llevado por el Espíritu. La experiencia de Jesús en el desierto nos

está recordando el camino recorrido por el pueblo elegido durante los cuarenta años desde la salida de Egipto hasta la entrada en la tierra prometida. Jesús afronta tres tentaciones. Son el simbolismo de toda la lucha entre el bien y el mal, entre la elección de uno mismo y la opción por Dios. Todas las tentaciones tienen como objetivo a romper la comunión con Dios. Este encuentro es solamente la anticipación de otro que será definitivo: en la Pasión y la Cruz. El diablo se presenta ante Jesús como el señor del mundo y capaz de disponer de él a su antojo. La tentación se apoya en el engaño y mentira que el diablo ofrece como verdad apetecible ante el hombre necesitado de satisfacer su hambre de pan, de poder, o de gloria. Aquí comienza nuestro itinerario cuaresmal, que nos invita, siguiendo a Jesús, a retirarnos al desierto en nuestra vida para buscar rincones de silencio y momentos de soledad. En ese nuevo espacio podremos vernos tal como somos.



En este primer domingo de Cuaresma nos encontramos en la primera lectura algo muy significativo, porque es uno de los textos más primitivos del Antiguo Testamento. En esta lectura se nos da una confesión de fe, lo que el pueblo creía y repetía frecuentemente: que ellos son descendiente de Abrahán, que lo dejó todo por el Dios.

Que, si confiesas con tu boca que Jesús es el Señor y crees en tu corazón que Dios lo levantó de entre los muertos, serás salvo.

Romanos 10:9



La Segunda lectura es muy expresiva, es confesión de fe también, pero va mucho más allá de lo que Dios puede hacer por nosotros. Todos nosotros debemos encontrarnos en ese Dios resucitador, porque hemos sido llamados a la vida verdadera.

Português

DOMINGO I DA QUARESMA



EVANGELHO DE SÃO LUCAS 4, 1-13

Naquele tempo, Jesus, cheio do Espírito Santo, retirou-se das margens do Jordão. Durante quarenta dias, esteve no deserto, conduzido pelo Espírito, e foi tentado pelo diabo. Nesses dias não comeu nada e, passado esse tempo, sentiu fome. O diabo disse-lhe: *“Se és Filho de Deus, manda a esta pedra que se transforme em pão”*. Jesus respondeu-lhe: *“Está escrito: Nem só de pão vive o homem”*. O diabo levou-o a um lugar alto e mostrou-lhe num instante todos os reinos da terra e disse-lhe: *“Eu te darei todo este poder e glória destes reinos, porque me foram confiados e os dou a quem eu quiser. Se te prostrares diante de mim, tudo será teu”*. Jesus respondeu-lhe: *“Está escrito: Ao Senhor teu Deus adorarás, só a Ele prestarás culto”*. Então o diabo levou-o a Jerusalém, colocou-o sobre o pináculo do templo e disse-lhe: *“Se és Filho de Deus, atira-te daqui abaixo, porque está escrito: Ele dará ordens aos seus Anjos a teu respeito, para que te guardem; e ainda: Na palma das mãos te levarão, para que não tropeces em alguma pedra”*. Jesus respondeu-lhe: *“Está mandado: Não tentarás o Senhor teu Deus”*. Então o diabo, tendo terminado toda a espécie de tentação, retirou-se da presença de Jesus.



É muito provável que Jesus, após o seu batismo no rio Jordão, se tenha retirado internado no deserto de Judá e passado alguns dias a meditar sobre a missão que Deus queria confiar-lhe. Nesse tempo de retiro,

Jesus confrontou-se com uma luta interior, com opções fundamentais, com a definição do seu projeto de vida. Jesus foi tentado, colocado à prova. O diabo lhe sugeriu que transformasse pedras em pão, dominasse o mundo, deslumbrasse o povo... Mas Jesus preferiu fazer de sua vida um grande ato de adoração a Deus. E o diabo o deixou até a hora da grande provação, a hora de sua morte. O episódio é situado no deserto. O deserto é, no imaginário judaico, o lugar da prova, onde os israelitas experimentaram, por diversas vezes, a tentação do abandono de Deus e do seu projeto de libertação. Os quarenta dias que Jesus passou nesse lugar de prova, devem estar em relação com os quarenta anos que os hebreus passaram no deserto, depois de terem sido libertados do Egito e onde tiveram de fazer opções entre Deus e o mal, entre a liberdade e a escravidão.



A primeira leitura, do livro do Deuterônomo, fala da profissão de fé de Israel. A narrativa das obras realizadas por Deus em favor do seu povo são a prova de que ele ama os homens e sempre os conduz pelos caminhos que levam à vida.

Se você confessar com a sua boca que Jesus é Senhor e crer em seu coração que Deus o ressuscitou dentre os mortos, será salvo.

Romanos 10:9

A segunda leitura, da carta de São Paulo aos Romanos, nos ensina que esta confiança em Deus deve ser professada com a vida, mas também deve ser manifestada por palavras.

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