



*Mar 20<sup>th</sup> – Mar 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

**Saturday, Mar 20th**

- 11:00<sup>AM</sup> \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
- 5:30<sup>PM</sup> \*✠ John Drobik
- 7:00<sup>PM</sup> \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Sunday, Mar 21st**

- 8:00<sup>AM</sup> \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
- 10:30<sup>AM</sup> ✠ Leonardo Scelfo
- ✠ Nicola & Maria Nucci
- ✠ Fr. Michael Burke
- ✠ John Phelan
- ✠ Frank Toledo
- 1:00<sup>PM</sup> ✠ Hector Bienvenido Grullon
- ✠ Rosa America Cabrera
- ✠ Aida Luz Frias
- ✠ Francisco Fernandez

**Monday, Mar 22nd**

- 12:00<sup>PM</sup> ✠ Minda Pelaez

**Tuesday, Mar 23rd**

- 12:00<sup>PM</sup> \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
- 7:00<sup>PM</sup> \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Wednesday, Mar 24th**

- 12:00<sup>PM</sup> ✠ Gabriel Ilustrisimo

**Thursday, Mar 25th**

- 12:00<sup>PM</sup> \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Friday, Mar 26th**

- 12:00<sup>PM</sup> \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Saturday, Mar 27th**

- 11:00<sup>AM</sup> \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
- 5:30<sup>PM</sup> \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
- 7:00<sup>PM</sup> \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Sunday, Mar 28th**

- 8:00<sup>AM</sup> ✠ Rustica Aguilar
  - 10:30<sup>AM</sup> ✠ Angelo & Domenica Diminni
  - ✠ Carlos H. Garcia
  - ✠ John Phelan
  - 1:00<sup>PM</sup> ✠ Hector Bienvenido Grullon
- En acción de gracias a San Judas Tadeo

Especially for: Josefina Alvarez, Mary Asunciño, Nick Bassano, Emma Bracigliano, Barbara Bruno, Amado Cuduco, Alyssa DiGiacomo, Delphina Gracias, Catherine Hogel, Martha LeBron, Modesto Martinez, Doris McFarlane, Domenica Pelosi, Silvia Tamay, Mike Wilson.

**Please contact the rectory office if you would like to place someone on the list.**

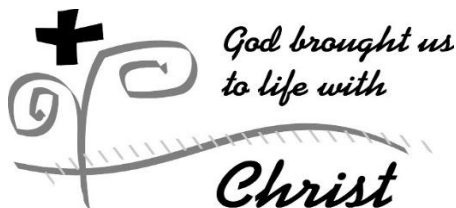


The Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in loving memory of ✠ **John Phelan.**



We will be having a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am-12pm (English) and Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am-12:30pm (Spanish).

| Weekend Collection Mar 13 <sup>th</sup> – Mar 14 <sup>th</sup> |                    |
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| 5:30PM   | \$ 456.00          |
| 7:00PM   | \$ 177.00          |
| 8:00AM   | \$ 300.00          |
| 10:30AM  | \$ 868.00          |
| 1:00PM   | \$ 1,306.00        |
| <b>Online Giving</b>   | \$ 973.00          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$ 4,080.00</b> |
| <i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>                           |                    |



*Love and light are the same*

Gary Chapman wrote: "I need to be loved by someone who chooses to love me, who sees in me something worth loving". Have you ever experienced in your life a taste of unconditional love? I mean, authentic love.

I remember a moment of authentic love. When I was thirteen my father had a moment of family deep disappointment and frustration. I recall him going out seeking a place of silence. I looked after him and I found him under a mango tree. It was something like I was able to feel his need for unconditional love. I could feel it. And I felt compelled to declare my weak-unconditional love to him. I said: "I love you, daddy". And at that moment, my heart sensed a feeling of uniqueness and of a genuine "I am here, and there is no other place I would rather be."

In the Bible, the words mercy, love, and grace mean the same. It says that God is rich in mercy (Eph 2:4-10), he is rich in love, he is rich in grace. It affirms that the riches of God's love are immeasurable. Saint Paul says: "Because of his great love he had for us, God chose to bring us to life in Christ... For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God" (Eph 2:4-10).

John is one of the four gospels, written in a time of great confusion and darkness. John tells us that God loved us first, and he loved us to the very end.

How much did God love us? John says that God loved us so much that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life (Jn 3:16). Do you understand this? This love of God for us is so visible that we cannot deny it, we can only choose to ignore it: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (Jn 3:14).

There is no way you can justify that God doesn't love you: from the cross, God constantly says to me and to you: "Look how much I love you. I love you to the end".

Nicodemus couldn't get the meaning of this love, so unsurpassable, so reckless. He said: "wait a minute. I didn't get it".

Then Jesus said: "Look, to understand this crazy love of God you must make a switch (a change) from your conditional love mentality to this reckless and unconditional love mindset... YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN."

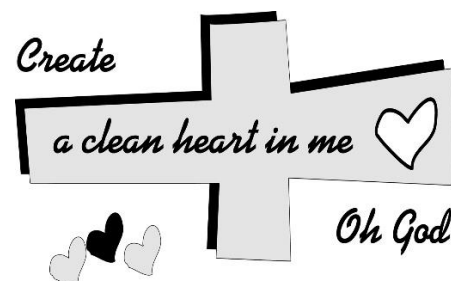
Now, this is when love and the identity of faith met. One who has made that switch and is born again in Christ, that is that he or she has believed in Jesus, must make a choice and a commitment to live in light and truth.

*Love is helped by light and truth* (Jn 3: 18-21). True love is lived in light and truth. Grace and truth are the same. This is why it's hard to love like this. *True love is costly to sustain.* It demands a decision and a choice. It requires responsibility and sacrifice, effort and discipline (this is what we actually celebrate here at mass). We are accustomed to easy love. The love of the cross is not an easy love. Easy love is not love. It does not really exist. The love of the cross is the only way of loving.

*Love lived in light and truth becomes in one who believes in Christ his or her true identity and way of salvation. True love leads us to eternal life and salvation.* It takes initiative. It does the works of God and it does it in the same way God performs it. God did not wait on our love to love us. God loved us first. And He loved us and will love us to the very end. It's up to you to make a choice to believe and live in this love.

*Challenge:* We are called to love like God. During this week, pick three people who you would like to show this unconditional love of God. Be kind, forgiving, patient, gentle, generous, self-giving, compassionate, merciful, loving to someone. Do not miss it.

May God bless you always!  
Fr. Jesus



## *El amor y la luz son lo mismo*

Gary Chapman escribió: “Necesito ser amado por alguien que elige amarme, que ve en mí algo que vale la pena amar”. ¿Alguna vez has experimentado en tu vida el sabor del amor incondicional? Quiero decir, amor auténtico.

Recuerdo un momento de auténtico amor. Cuando tenía trece años, mi padre tuvo un momento de profunda decepción y frustración familiar. Lo recuerdo saliendo buscando un lugar de silencio. Salí tras él y lo encontré debajo de un árbol de mango. Fue como si pudiera sentir su necesidad de amor incondicional. Podía sentirlo. Y me sentí obligado a declararle mi amor débil e incondicional. Dije: “Te amo, papi”. Y en ese momento, mi corazón sintió un sentimiento de singularidad y de un genuino "estoy aquí, y no hay otro lugar en el que preferiría estar".

En la Biblia, las palabras misericordia, amor y gracia significan lo mismo. Dice que Dios es rico en misericordia (Efesios 2: 4-10), es rico en amor, es rico en gracia. Afirma que las riquezas del amor de Dios son inconmensurables.

San Pablo dice: “Por su gran amor que nos tenía, Dios eligió darnos vida en Cristo... Porque por gracia habéis sido salvados por la fe, y esto no es de vosotros; es don de Dios”(Efesios 2: 4-10).

Juan es uno de los cuatro evangelios, escrito en una época de gran confusión y oscuridad. Juan nos dice que Dios nos amó primero y nos amó hasta el final.

*¿Cuánto nos amó Dios?* Juan dice que Dios nos amó tanto que dio a su Hijo unigénito para que todo el que crea en él no se pierda, sino que tenga vida eterna (Jn 3,16). ¿Entiendes esto? Este amor de Dios por nosotros es tan visible que no podemos negarlo, solo podemos optar por ignorarlo: “Así como Moisés levantó la serpiente en el desierto, así debe ser levantado el Hijo del Hombre, para que todo el que crea en él tenga la vida eterna”(Jn 3, 14).

No hay forma de que puedas justificar que Dios no te ama: desde la cruz, Dios constantemente me dice a mí y a ti: “Mira cuánto te amo. Te amo hasta el extremo.”

Nicodemo no pudo entender el significado de este amor, tan insuperable, tan imprudente. Dijo: “espera un minuto. No lo entendí”.

Entonces Jesús dijo: "Mira, para entender este loco amor de Dios debes hacer un cambio de tu

mentalidad de un amor condicional a esta mentalidad de amor imprudente e incondicional ... DEBES NACER OTRA VEZ".

*Ahora, aquí es cuando el amor y la identidad de la fe se encuentran.* Aquel que ha hecho ese cambio y ha nacido de nuevo en Cristo, es decir, que ha creído en Jesús, debe elegir y comprometerse a vivir en luz y verdad.

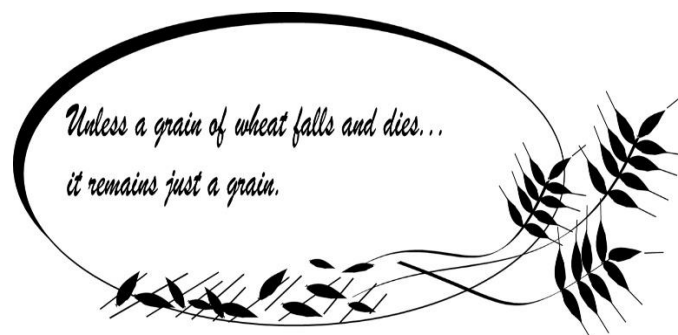
*El amor es ayudado por la luz y la verdad* (Jn 3, 18-21). *El verdadero amor se vive en luz y verdad.* La gracia y la verdad son lo mismo. Por eso es difícil amar así. *El amor verdadero es costoso de mantener.* Exige una decisión y una elección. Requiere responsabilidad y sacrificio, esfuerzo y disciplina (esto es lo que realmente celebramos aquí en la misa). Estamos acostumbrados al amor fácil. El amor de la cruz no es un amor fácil. El amor fácil no es amor. Realmente no existe. El amor de la cruz es la única forma de amar.

El amor vivido en luz y verdad se convierte en quien cree en Cristo su verdadera identidad y camino de salvación. *El verdadero amor nos lleva a la vida eterna y a la salvación.* Toma iniciativa. Hace las obras de Dios y las hace de la misma manera que Dios las realiza. Dios no esperó en nuestro amor para amarnos. Dios nos amó primero. Y nos amó y nos amará hasta el final. *Depende de usted tomar la decisión de creer y vivir en este amor.*

*Desafío:* Estamos llamados a amar como Dios. Durante esta semana, elija a tres personas a las que les gustaría mostrar este amor incondicional de Dios. Sea amable, perdonador, paciente, gentil, generoso, entregado, compasivo, misericordioso, cariñoso con alguien.

Que Dios te bendiga siempre!

P. Jesus



### Tax News

You may request your 2020 Contribution Report by completing the slip in our bulletin and dropping it in the collection basket or at the Church office. We will mail them out after January 31, 2021 to all who make this request.

## Contribution Statement Request for 2020

Name:

Address:

City: State:

Zip Code:

Envelope #: Tel. #:

Email Address:



The annual Catholic Relief Services "Rice Bowl" has been placed in the back of the church. All parishioners are encouraged to take a Rice Bowl and return it with your donation by April 18, 2021. Your generosity is appreciated.



As you all know, because of Covid, the 50th Anniversary Mass that would have normally been celebrated in November of 2020 was postponed to **April 25th, 2021**. We are pleased to announce that registration for couples to attend this special Mass has now opened. **Remember, the Diocesan Mass on April 25th, 2021 is for couples who celebrated their 50th anniversary in the year 2020 ONLY.** For more information, please contact the rectory office at 973-772-1115.

### MASS TIMES

#### English

Saturday: 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM  
Sunday: 10:30 AM

#### Spanish

Saturday: 7:00 PM  
Sunday: 1:00 PM



### CONFESSION

#### Monday

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

#### Saturday

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM



### ADORATION

#### Monday

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

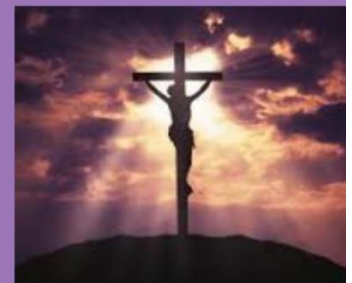
DAILY ADORATION

FOLLOWING

12PM MASS M-F

Until 2:00 PM

Every 1st Friday 6PM - 9PM



KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS

Regina Mundi Council 3969

## Fish & Chips Dinner

(Chicken optional)

Saturday, April 10, 2021

Take out **starts @ 2:00 pm** and **ends @ 4:00 pm**

Mt. Carmel Church parking lot

10 Francis Way, Passaic, NJ 07055

Adults: \$15.00

Children: \$8.00

**To Support the Candidates receiving First Holy Communion  
& RCIA Candidates**

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