

God forgives, He gives Israel the chance to celebrate the Passover, with gratitude remembering the great deeds. Reconciliation is also at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today's Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race including us - every believer.

By Baptism, we are made "a new creation," but when we sin, we become like the Prodigal Son, leaving the Father's house, squandering our inheritance in sin and pride. Lost in sin, we deprive ourselves from the grace of Baptism. But when we come to our senses, the Lord restores our identity – true sons and daughters.

Only God can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin. God wants not slaves but beloved children. He longs to call each of us "My son," to share His life with us, to tell us: "Everything I have is yours."

The Father's words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet of the Father. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.

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Dios perdona, le da a Israel la oportunidad de celebrar la Pascua, con gratitud recordando las grandes obras. La reconciliación es también el corazón de la historia que Jesús relata en el Evangelio de hoy. La historia del hijo pródigo es la historia de Israel y de la raza humana que nos incluye a todos los creyentes.

Por el bautismo, se nos hace "una nueva creación", pero cuando pecamos, llegamos a ser como el hijo pródigo, dejando la casa del padre, despilfarrando nuestra herencia en el pecado y el orgullo. Perdidos en el pecado, nos privamos de la gracia del bautismo. Pero cuando llegamos a nuestros sentidos, el Señor restaura nuestra identidad: verdaderos hijos e hijas.

Sólo Dios puede quitar el reproche y restaurar la filiación divina. Sólo él puede liberarnos de la esclavitud al pecado. Dios no quiere esclavos, sino hijos amados. Él anhela llamar a cada uno de nosotros "mi hijo", para compartir su vida con nosotros, para decirnos: "todo lo que tengo es tuyo."

Las palabras del Padre de anhelo y compasión aún llegan a sus hijos pródigo en el Sacramento de la Penitencia. Reconciliados como Israel, tomamos nuestro lugar en la mesa de la Eucaristía, el banquete de regreso del Padre. Saborearemos la bondad del Señor, mientras cantamos en el Salmo de hoy, regocijándonos de que los muertos sean hallados vivos de nuevo.

Padre Miguel Jeeva Antony



Knights you are cordially invited to a Social at 5:00pm on Sunday, April 7, at St. Mark's in the Parish Center. Please come we will be talking about getting a chapter started for St. Peter and St. Mark parishes.



40 Days for Life: From March 6 through April 14th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic at 3579 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, Oregon 97403 (Glenwood area), and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. On Saturday, April 13th, Fr. Peter Do of St. Thomas More Newman Center at the U of O will lead us in prayers at 1 p.m. at Planned Parenthood. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to pray for an hour outside the facility or help in other ways, please contact: Eileen at etmoregon@yahoo.com or 541-543-7168 or our Website page 40DaysforLife.com/Eugene. Thanks!



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is **April 12-14 (2019)** at Powell Butte Retreat Ctr. (Powell Butte, OR—near Bend). Learn how to once again foster **COMMUNICATION AND RENEWAL IN YOUR MARRIAGE!** For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthespark.org.

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- Live the true meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage
- Become more involved in their church
- Renew the Church through discipleship with other couples

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Our Holy Week Retreat centers around the great celebrations of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, the Passion and Death of Jesus on Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Saturday, leading to the Mass of Resurrection on Easter Sunday. By coming away to a beautiful place with the single focus on these feasts, with lots of time for yourself, but also with people similarly focused, one can participate in Jesus' saving love in a most marvelous way for benefit of yourself and our world.

April 18 (5pm) - April 21 (brunch)
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