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Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can “turn up the heat” in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening “because they do.” They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It’s easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It’s there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God’s existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place. It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it’s too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life’s ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life’s heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear. The beatitudes celebrate life’s ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God’s friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus’ message so intriguing! Don’t give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one’s faith. But it’s the only way to deepen it. ©LPi

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Planted Near Water

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert sun. That’s why it is imperative for us to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it’s closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground. For me, it’s the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don’t have any great theological explanation for this — Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn’t you know it, it’s in the toughest times that I need Mass the most — that my roots stretch harder for that water. Woe to the rich, says Jesus — woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It’s not because He hates to see us smile. It’s because He knows our humanity. He knows our limitations. He knows that when things are going really well, we often stop looking for God. What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer? We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let’s pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Year of Grace

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ABBREVIATIONS: K of C- Knights of Columbus MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild		K of C Meeting 7:00pm	The presentation of the Lord Grupo de Matrimonios 7:00pm	Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm	First Friday Mass 7:00pm	First Saturday Mass 9:00am St Vincent de Paul Collection Men's Fellowship 7:30am Reconciliation 4:00pm
Ordinary Time St Vincent de Paul Collection Hispanic Breakfast After all Masses	Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:30pm	Grupo de Matrimonios 7:00pm	Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm MMLG Meeting 6:00pm	BINGO Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	Valentine's Dance Party Reconciliation 4:00pm
Ordinary Time K of C Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	Healing Mass 7:00pm	Misa de Sanación 7:00pm	Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm	Reconciliation 4:00pm	Reconciliation 4:00pm
Ordinary Time Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	Youth Group	Grupo de Matrimonios 7:00pm	Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm	Reconciliation 4:00pm	Reconciliation 4:00pm
Ordinary Time Hispanic Breakfast After all Masses	Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	Youth Group	Grupo de Matrimonios 7:00pm	Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm	Reconciliation 4:00pm	Reconciliation 4:00pm



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40 DAYS FOR LIFE COMMISSIONING MASSES

February 13, 10:00 a.m. at St. John of the Cross (8086 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 91945) Life advocates, 40 days for Life leaders, Parish Culture of Life Coordinators, and parishioners are welcome to attend either of these bilingual masses and celebrate the upcoming 40 Days for Life Spring campaign (to be held from March 2 to April 10). Auxiliary Bishop Ramon Bejarano will be the main celebrant. For more information, please visit: <https://www.sdcatholic.org/event/40-days-for-life/>.

LEARNING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD

On **Saturday, March 19, 2022**, the Diocese of San Diego is hosting an Explorer Day for those men who are interested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood. The event will be held at St. Francis Center on the campus of the University of San Diego from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If living a life of service for Christ and the people of God is attractive to you, take advantage of the opportunity to attend this upcoming Explorer Day. Pick up a registration form at the parish office or call Fr. Lauro Minimo at St. Francis Center at (619) 291-7446.

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

February 6, 2022

Envelope Giving	\$2,240.00
Plate Giving	\$1,847.80
Online Giving	\$748.26
Total	\$4,836.06
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
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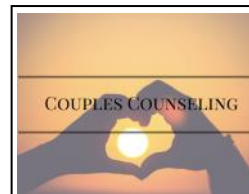
Divorced, widowed, and separated persons can register now for a healing **Beginning Experience Weekend** retreat **April 29th to May 1, 2022**. The weekend focuses on healing and moving beyond grief in a supportive and caring environment with others that are going through and have gone through the same experiences. The retreat will be held at the beautiful and serene **Prince of Peace Abbey, in Oceanside, CA.** If you know someone experiencing the pain of loss, Beginning Experience can help. For further information: BeginningExperienceSD@gmail.com Or call Vicki Fach (858) 748-2273, or Nish Carmedy (330) 607-8774 **SPANISH**

THEOLOGY ON TAP

All young adults ages 18-39 are invited to a Theology on Tap night on Thursday, February 24, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Church of Saint Luke, 1980 Hillsdale Road, El Cajon, with special guest speaker Beth David from Blessed Is She. The theme of the night is Rend Your Heart: Preparing Our Hearts for Lent. The cost is \$15 for entry and includes beverages and tacos. Online pre-pay is available. Visit sdccatholic.org/event/t... For questions, please email yamsd@sdccatholic.org, or call (858) 490-8260.

LENTEN PILGRIM WALK

All young adults ages 18-39 are invited to participate in a Lenten Pilgrim Walk co-hosted by the Office for Young Adult Ministry and Modern Catholic Pilgrim. The Lenten Pilgrim Walk is a seven-mile, mini pilgrimage from the Immaculata Parish on the campus of USD to St. Brigid parish in Pacific Beach. The day will consist of walking, prayer, spiritual talks and opportunity for fellowship. The cost is \$20 and includes registration, snacks, water, lunch and ground return transportation back to the Immaculata at the conclusion of the event. Join us for the opportunity to offer ourselves to Christ in body and spirit at the beginning of our Lenten journey. Online registration is available at sdccatholic.org/event/1... Questions? Contact yamsd@sdccatholic.org, or call (858) 490-8260.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Priests & Marriage Counseling

Question: How can a priest counsel people about marriage when he has never been married?

Answer: If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one's counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience.

But you don't need personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests. Essentially marriage is a relationship and we've all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest's training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon. Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage. ©LPi

BLESSED ARE ALL WHO HOPE in the Lord.

PSALM 1

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the blessings and good fortunes one receives by trusting in the Lord. How have you seen this reward present in your life?

Second Reading: Paul challenged those in Corinth who did not believe that Christ rose from the dead. In what ways do you defend the faith with unbelievers?

Gospel: In presenting both divine blessings and woes to his disciples, Jesus emphasizes a great reversal of these conditions in the future. What does this teach us about God's sense of justice?

LIVE THE LITURGY

The human heart will always find itself wanting unless it finds its rest in God. Many people haven't yet figured out that pursuing purely secular ideologies and interests and side stepping their relationship with God causes them to fall short of their potential. When we seek our satisfaction, seek our strength, and establish priorities based entirely on the things of this world, we come up empty. There is never enough and we are always reaching for more. We develop distorted senses of justice, lose our moral axis, and lower our benchmarks for change, growth, and development. That is why knowing the beatitudes and God's vision they contain is so important. They remind us that our consumption, success driven lives can actually hurt and exploit others; quickly moving us away from God's idea of how things need to look. God ultimately will set things straight. We can assist in that mission now by trusting, hoping, and looking to God for our cues for how to live, set goals for ourselves and discern the best way to share this world with our brothers and sisters. ©LPi



Faith Formation

EVERY SUNDAY

10:00am—10:55am

Sun Feb 13: Super Bowl Sunday
Tue Feb 15: Youth Gathering
Sun Feb 20: Youth Breakfast after 8:30 mass
Tue Feb 22: Youth Gathering



HOW CAN WE HELP WITH ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION IN OUR YOUTH?



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1 John 4:19

FEBRUARY 13, 2022 VI SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Masses 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm (Spanish) Pray for: Rev. David Croisetiere Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/1 Cor 15:12-16, 20/Lk 6:17, 20-26	Bible Study 7:00pm Pray for: Rev. Msgr. William Cuddihy Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13	Daily Mass 7:30am Youth Group 6:30pm Healing Mass 7:00pm Pray for: Rev. John Dallmeier, OFM Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21	Daily Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm Pray for: Rev. William Davis, OSA Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26	Daily Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm Pray For: Rev. Ben Davison Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33	Daily Mass 7:30am Reconciliation 4:00pm Sunday Vigil 5:00pm Pray for: Rev. Alexander De Paulis Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34-9:1	Reconciliation 4:00pm Sunday Vigil 5:00pm Pray for: Rev. Pablo De Soza, MC Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13

MASS Intentions

Feb 13	Sun	8:30am	+James Gongaware
Feb 13	Sun	11:00am	For the Parishioners
Feb 13	Sun	12:30pm	+Eva Monroe de Zamora +Teresa Zamora Monroe
Feb 14	Mon		NO MASS
Feb 15	Tues	7:30am	+Talal Konja
Feb 16	Wed	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Feb 17	Thur	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Feb 18	Fri	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Feb 19	Sat	5:00pm	For the Parishioners



St. Conrad of Piacenza | February 19

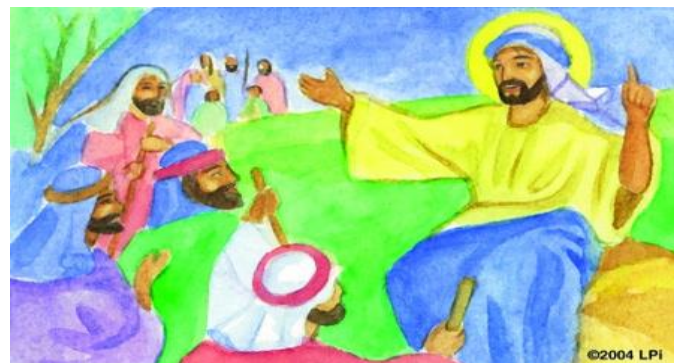
The history of St. Conrad of Piacenza is quite fascinating. A member of one of the most noble families of Piacenza, he was known for his utmost honesty. One day while out hunting with friends, he thought he saw some game in an area of brush and ordered his attendants to set fire to the brush in order to scare it out of hiding. Unfortunately, the dry brush quickly ignited, and fire started to spread. Soon, the surrounding area was engulfed in flames. Unfortunately, a known arsonist happened to be in the same area as the fire. This man was later imprisoned, tried, and condemned to death for the damage. But on his way to his execution, St. Conrad of Piacenza, full of guilt, stopped the proceedings and confessed to the fire. To make restitution for the damages, Conrad had to sell all his belongings, which reduced him to poverty. Soon after, he decided to retire to a hermitage, where he became a hermit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and his wife entered the Order of Poor Clares.



ADORATION
THURSDAYS
8:30am - 5:00pm

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.”

— Lk 6:22, 23b



Observances for the week of February 13, 2022	
Sun:	World Marriage Day
Mon:	Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day
Thur:	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

THE YEAR OF GRACE

FEBRUARY 13, 2022 VI SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



From the Bishop's office ...

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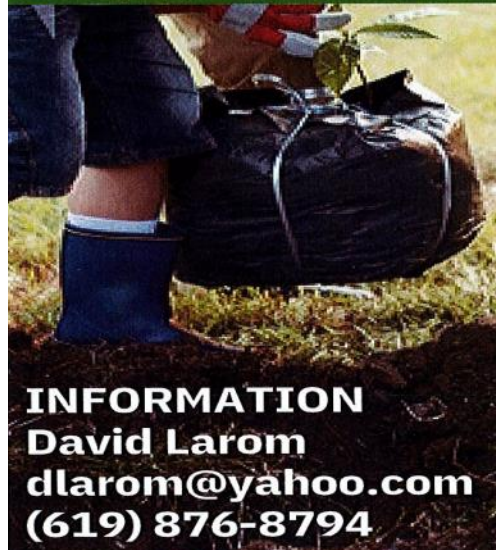


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