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prayer... fasting... almsgiving



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the name of Jesus, greetings!

“And do this because you know the time; it is the hour for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed” (Rms. 13:11). Brother and sisters, Lent is upon us. It’s time to prepare with fasting, almsgiving and prayer. I encourage you to contemplate the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ as you walk the road to Calvary this Lent. Look at His hands and feet, place your hand in His pierced side and allow Jesus to take you into the deep. He desires to fill you with joy and peace. Surrender to Him and allow His infinite goodness and mercy to draw you close.

You can enhance your Lenten journey by attending this year’s Day of Spiritual Healing and Reflection, March 21, 2020, 9am-6pm, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Orlando. The theme, ***Trading Your Sorrows***, is fitting for the journey because we know, for those who love God, all things work together for good (Rms. 8:28), even our sorrows. Fr. Bill Halbing and Dr. Carol Razza will dive into scriptures that will help and enlighten you on how to exchange that which weighs you down for that which lifts you up. Mass (which fulfills Sunday obligation) and a spiritual healing service will be offered at the close of the day. And it’s all free, just bring a brown bag lunch! A love offering will be collected. Visit <http://www.orlandocharismatic.net/> for information.

This year the annual conference is September 25-27, 2020, at the Caribe Royale Orlando. We have dynamite speakers this year: Fr. Trevor Nathasingh of Trinidad, Mark Nimo, from Chicago, and former Miss America, Kelly Nieto! This weekend of encouragement and refreshment is not to be missed. The hotel rate is \$134 per night and sleeps up to four. You can register for the entire weekend for just \$35, Saturday only is \$33, at the door price is \$40. Register early! Visit our website, link above, to register for the conference, book a hotel room, and more.

“He will console Zion, and he will console all its ruins. He will turn her deserts into a place of delights, and her wilderness into a garden of the Lord. Gladness and rejoicing will be found in her, thanksgiving and a voice of praise.” (Is. 51:3)

God’s blessings...

Vince Maldonado
Administrator of Operations
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Pope's Lenten Message calls for conversion

In his message for Lent, Pope Francis warns that once God's law is forsaken, the law of the strong over the weak takes over.

By Linda Bordoni

Pope Francis is calling on the faithful not to let the Lenten season of grace pass in vain, and to live as children of God acknowledging and obeying His law, in particular in regards to our brothers and sisters and to creation.

In this year's Lenten message, the Pope invites believers to prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed, warning that "Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests".

The Pope's Lenten message was released on Tuesday during a press conference at the Holy See Press Office. The theme chosen this year is "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom 8:19)

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 26 February, and will conclude on Holy Saturday, 11 April, the day before Easter.

"Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them".

This is one of the key passages of Pope Francis' Lenten Message for 2019. Reflecting on a verse from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, the Pope highlights how the season before Easter must be a time to "welcome Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives", and attract "its transforming power to all of creation".

leave behind selfishness... self-absorption... turn to Jesus

Fasting, prayer, almsgiving

Appealing to the faithful to not allow this season of grace to pass in vain, Pope Francis says that if, "the Lent of the Son of God 'was an entry into the desert of creation to make it become again that garden of communion with God" that it was before the original sin, Christians today are invited "to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving."

Fasting, the Pope says, means turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity; Prayer teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego; Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us.

If we follow this journey, he said it "is possible to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness".

Conversion

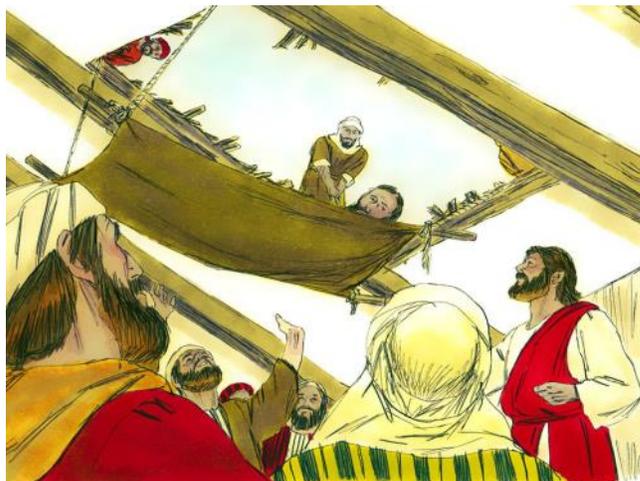
The path to Easter, therefore, demands that "we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness" the Pope said pointing out that it is a call that involves the whole of creation.

This "eager longing", this expectation of all creation, Pope Francis says, will be fulfilled in the revelation of the children of God, that is, when Christians and all people enter decisively into the "travail" that conversion entails.

The full text of the Pope's Lenten Message can be found on the Vatican website.

https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco_20181004_messaggio-quaresima2019.html

Forgiveness And Healing



Matthew, Mark and Luke (in chapters 9, 2 and 5 respectively) all recall the cure of the paralytic. It is the quintessential Love Story: of friends who go to extreme measures to bring their buddy to the healing feet of Jesus; and, of the Merciful Love of God for a sinner. The paralytic's friends are so committed to seeing him healed that they tear a hole in the roof over Jesus, who is preaching to a standing room only crowd, and then lower him down on ropes. In turn, Jesus is so impressed by the loving Faith of the four men that he forgives the paralytic's sins—a Gift the paralytic was not even seeking.

This story is compelling beyond the miraculous cure it brings. It is the confluence of two seemingly disparate desires—the men and the paralytic seeking physical healing; and Jesus, seeking to heal the soul. Adding to the Mystery of Love, Jesus rewards the paralytic for the virtue demonstrated by the Faithful Four. It is a story where the unexpected result exceeds the miracle that was hoped for.

What appear at first glance, as disparate desires, are in truth congruent -both the Sick and the Savior desire wholeness. Sickness and Death entered the world through Sin. When we sin we separate ourselves from God. Cut off from the Vine of Life, we become sick -in need of a Savior. Like the paralytic, we lie in need of his Forgiveness and Healing.

Modern culture views man as possessing a body distinct from its mind and soul. In Jesus' day, body, mind and soul were indistinct—to the point that if you were sinful, you would be sick. So when Jesus offered salvation, it was not just for our soul, but for our entire being- though he clearly and often, gave priority to the well being of our eternal soul over that of our mortal body. When he healed, he said, "Your faith has saved you." The salvation he is offering us is then, holistic, not separate from our body and mind. The paralytic went home praising God because he was made whole.

The grace of salvation can and does restore our mind and body, but the profundity of restoring our soul, of re-introducing our spirit into the intimacy of his Holy Spirit, of reconnecting us to our Vine of Life, makes our reconciliation with God incomparable to the dim miracle of physical healing.

Matthew concludes this story most intriguingly: 'A feeling of awe came over the crowd when they saw this, and they praised God for giving such power to men.' (Matt 9:8) He uses the plural form "men", not the singular form which would have referred inclusively to Jesus. As a Catholic, it is natural to see how he is pointing forward to the precious jewel given our Church in the sacrament of Reconciliation, where the priest, in the name and person of Jesus, speaks today, those words we long to hear, "Your sins are forgiven."

Yet too, for me, Matthew is also pointing back to the Faithful Four, and to us, when we do what they have done. They interceded for the paralytic, they brought a sinner to Jesus, they made known his needs to God. They participated in the salvation of his soul. They joined their Faith to his and opened the Floodgates of Mercy -unleashing God's Forgiveness and Healing upon the paralytic. Their Love impelled them to Believe, to dare to approach the Throne of God and beg his Mercy. The Faithful Four foreshadow the Priesthood of Believers. Jesus, the Eternal Intercessor for mankind, invites us to join in his intercession to the Father!

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Five verses later, Matthew reveals our Savior's Heart, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. Go learn the words, 'What I want is mercy, not sacrifice.' Jesus is Love. Love is Mercy. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is burning with the desire to shower us with his Mercy; and, he is calling us to join him –to be a fountain of his Mercy- to participate in his plan of Salvation, to intercede for his flock, to bring them and their needs to the feet of Jesus.

Father God, I am still incredulous when you call me your child. You know my sins, yet you woo me back over and again. Jesus, you have healed me, forgiven me, and restored me without deserve, and then planted me in the fellowship of your Love. Holy Spirit, let me re-Gift the Mercy I have received, let me not see the sin, but the sinner. Give me the heart of The Intercessor. Give me the zeal of those Faithful Four.

Posted by Richard Swiderski: Blog, Thoughts on God and Life, <http://godstuffrichard.blogspot.com/p/about.html>
Healing, Intercession, Reconciliation

Ask, Seek, Knock

"I tell you, Ask and you will receive; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)

**My Lord Jesus, I am Asking you.
I am admitting my utter dependence on you.
I am standing before you empty.
You alone are my Hope.**

**My Lord Jesus, I am Seeking you.
I am desperate for your Perfect Will in my life.
You have only Good things for me.
My Soul is ready.**

**My Lord Jesus, I am Knocking on the Door of your Heart.
I am tugging on your Cloak of Mercy.
Your eyes behold my every need.
How can I be afraid?**

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CALENDAR

Healing Prayer

Evening of Prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, First Monday of each month at 6:00PM in Chapel, Our Lady of Lourdes, 201 University Blvd., Daytona Beach 32118.

The Prayer Service includes songs, music, scripture, reflections and prayer with everyone who wishes.

Prayer Ministers will pray with each person for their personal needs. After the service they will be available for additional prayer. For info call Tony/Audrey Lewis (386) 366-2598

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www.OrlandoCharismatic.net

The newsletter for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Orlando is published quarterly.

We have a new Facebook page! Please visit us on Facebook at

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You will be able to see upcoming events, conference photos, interact with others in our Catholic Charismatic Community, and enjoy content that is posted from other Charismatic websites and Facebook pages. Hit “Like” and “Follow”.

Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions for the Facebook page or content you would like to see.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Charismatic Resources Available online

The Charismatic media resources are now available online. Using the Diocese of Orlando Media Center host, you can reserve and checkout media from the diocese website (link below) and receive it at your parish office. Previously, media were available only at the DOCCRC quarterly meetings, so this will make them widely available to anyone in your prayer group, or even in your parish who wishes to borrow them. Information on the procedure is also found on the Media Center web page. On the diocese website under Ministries/ Offices, click on Media Center to navigate to that page. Use **search** to find the item you want, then click on the specific item. For example, search for “Charismatic” to get a listing, then click on a specific item to get the details. Use the Media Request Form to actually request it be sent to your parish.

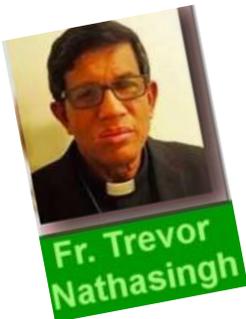
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September 25th - 27th
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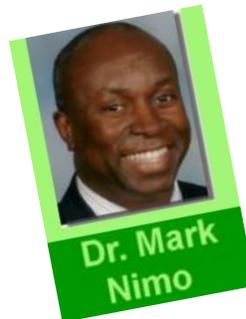
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Fr. Trevor Nathasingh
Mark Nimo
Kelly Nieto
Bob Valiente
Eleva Music Ministry

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Saturday only \$33



Fr. Trevor Nathasingh Father Trevor Nathasingh was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in 1989, for the Archdiocese of Port Of Spain, Trinidad. Fr. Trevor is a convert from a Hindu/Muslim background and is now a Catholic Christian for over 30 years.



Dr. Mark Nimo Mark Nimo was born 1964 and comes from Ghana in West Africa. He had a profound conversion experience at the age of twenty when he fathered a child out of wedlock. He became actively involved in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement.

**For more information on the Conference Speakers
And for Sign-up information, please visit our website at
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Kelly Nieto Meet Internationally Acclaimed Master Storyteller, Humorist and Catholic Speaker Kelly Nieto, A Rare Speaker Who Mixes Inspiration, Catholicism, Devotion and Heartfelt Humor Into Captivating Talks...That Change Lives!



Bob Valiente Bob and Sue Valiente have been married for fifty-six years; they are parents of one child, Maria. The Valiantes live in Moosic, Pennsylvania. Bob has been involved in the Charismatic Renewal of the Catholic Church for forty-seven years.

Trading My Sorrows

**Keynote Speakers:
Father Bill Halbing & Dr. Carol Razza**

Family Life Center

Mass & Healing Service

Saturday March 21st 2020

9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

For Info : 407-610-1012

Holy Family Catholic Church

5125 S. Apopka Vineland Orlando FL, 32819

Please bring a bagged lunch

No pre-registration or fee

A love offering will be collected



**Fr. Bill
Halbing**

Father Bill Halbing is passionate about Biblical/scriptural exegesis. He is well known for his rare teachings of in-depth, line-by-line Bible studies, taking you into the deepest riches of the Sacred Scriptures. His animated and inspiring teachings keep you personally attentive to what God is saying as he reveals hidden mysteries and treasures that lay beneath His Precious Words.

<http://www.godswordalivetoday.org/fr-bill-halbing/>



Dr. Carol Razza

Dr. Carol L. Razza is a full-time faculty member and formation advisor at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach FL. Her degrees include an Ed.D. in Child and Youth Studies from Nova Southeastern University, an M.S. in Counseling Psychology from Nova Southeastern University and a B.S. in Psychology from Florida Atlantic University.

She also serves on the Advisory Board, as the Regional Representative for Europe and Asia, for the International Magnificat. She has worked in private practice as a psychotherapist for over twenty-five years. She has written two books, "Sonblock-How Christians Unknowingly Shield Themselves from Grace" and "Parent Me. Please!", a book helping parents to parent their adolescents. Carol presents at seminars, conferences, workshops, and retreats both nationally and internationally. She lives in the Fathers supernatural joy and encourages others to do the same. Carol's greatest blessings include her marriage of 49 years to her husband Paul, their wonderful sons and daughters-in-law, and grandchildren.

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