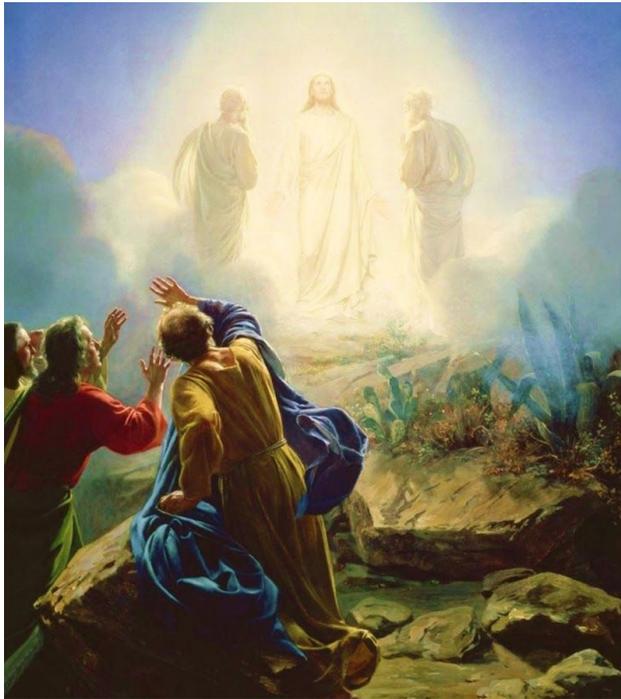




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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 28, 2021

MUSIC PLANNER

SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH
EAGLE ROCK, CALIFORNIA

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
LIVE STREAM MASS

FEBRUARY 27, 2021 at 4:00 P.M., AND FEBRUARY 28 AT 9:00 A.M.

FOCUS: *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to Him." Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John his brother.*

Prelude:	"Change Our Hearts" - Cooney
Gathering Song:	instrumental - Change Our Hearts" - Cooney
Penitential Rite:	sung, "Kyrie Eleison" (chant)
Glory to God:	omitted during Lent
Responsorial Response:::	"Psalm 33: Lord, Let Your Mercy Be On Us" - Haugen
Gospel Acclamation:	sung [Respond And Acclaim]
Presentation of the Gifts:	"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) - Tomlin et al
Holy, Holy,Holy:	"Holy" -Missa Simplex
Memorial Acclamation:	"Save Us, Savior Of The World" - Missa Simplex
Great Amen:	"Great Amen" - Missa Simplex
Lamb of God Litany:	sung - "Agnus Dei" (chant)
Communion Song:	"Christ In Me Arise" - Thomson
Closing Song:	"Christ, Be Our Light" - Farrell (verse 1)

CHANGE OUR HEARTS

Rory Cooney

Refrain

Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be. Change our
minds this time, your life could make us free. We are the peo-

- ple your call set a-part, Lord, this time change our

1-3 to Verses Final
hearts. hearts. This time change our hearts. This time

change our minds. This time change our hearts, change our hearts.

Verse 1

1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams, one foot in

1. par-a-dise, one in the waste; drawn by your prom-is-es,

1. still we are lured by the shad-ows and the chains we leave be-hind. But

Verses 2, 3

2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands, of-f'ring a - bun - dan -
3. Show us the way that leads to your side, o - ver the moun-tains -

2. ces, — full - ness of joy. Your milk and hon-ey seem dis-tant, un-
3. — and sands of the soul. Be for us man-na, — wa - ter from

2. real, when we have bread and wa - ter in our hands. But
3. stone, — light which says we nev - er walk a - lone. And

KYRIE

Mass XVI; Chant, Mode III

Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son.
Chri - ste e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste e - lé - i - son.
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Text and music: *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
2 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
4 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Save Us, Savior of the World

The mys - ter - y of faith. Save us, Sa - vior of the world,
for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22
The Revised Grail Psalms

Marty Haugen

REFRAIN

Lord, let your mer - cy be on us, as we place our
trust in you, as we place our trust in you. (Last time)

Verse 1: For the word of the Lord is faithful, and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth. (REFRAIN)

Verse 2: Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (REFRAIN)

Verse 3: Our soul is waiting for the Lord. He is our help and our shield. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord. (REFRAIN)

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)- -Tomlin et al

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I
once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears
relieved. How precious did that Grace appear the hour I first believed.

CHORUS:

My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has
ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love,
Amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. (CHORUS)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God Who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be
forever mine; You are forever mine.

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Great Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical notation for 'Great Amen' is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

AGNUS DEI

Mass XVIII, Chant

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se -
ré - re no - bis. A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A-gnus De - i,
qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

The musical notation for 'AGNUS DEI' is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps. The melody is a simple, flowing line of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The text is: 'A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.'

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CHRIST IN ME ARISE

Trevor Thomson



Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark - ness.



Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.



Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.



Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.



1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show - ing me
2. Be now my foot - steps, lead - ing the way, tak - ing me



1. all that I must see. }
2. where I must go. } On - ward to the king - dom,



1, 2. you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you. to Refrain



You know my heart and you know my ways, you who



formed me in my moth - er's womb. I live and move in you,



my whole be - ing thrives in you. 2 to Refrain

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT/ SÉ NUESTRA LUZ

Bernadette Farrell



1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
2. hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
4. warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain/Estribillo



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
¡Sé nues-tra luz, Cris-to Se - ñor, en las ti - nie - blas!



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.
¡Sé nues-tra luz! Bri-lla en tu J - gle - sia reu - ni - da hoy. 4. Re -

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
LIVE-STREAM MASS PACKET
ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Priest:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Kyrie Eleison.

V. Christe, Eleison.

V. Kyrie Eleison.

R. Kyrie Eleison.

R. Christe, Eleison.

R. Kyrie Eleison.

There is no Gloria during Lent

Collect

Priest:

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 ***Genesis 12,1-4a***

The LORD said to Abram: “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you.” Abram went as the LORD directed him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm will be sung – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Reading 2 ***2 Tm 1:8b-10***

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Gospel ***Matthew 17:1-9***

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
[at the words that follow, up to and including “and became man,” all bow.]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest:

Let us now turn to the God who wishes to transform us to be more like Jesus, and entrust to him our needs.

Lector:

1. That our Lenten observances this year will enable God’s transforming love to fill us, change us and radiate through us to others...
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
2. That people of all faiths throughout the world would more fully understand, accept and live their destiny as God’s beloved children...
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
3. For those who are burdened and bound by their own mistakes or by the harm caused by others, that they may surrender their lives more fully to the Lord and be healed from their wounds so that they may receive the Father’s blessing in their lives...
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. That those charged with leadership and authority might listen more closely to God's beloved Son and care for the needs of the poor and vulnerable they lead...
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
5. For those who suffer from the COVID virus and other diseases, for medical workers and loved ones who are caring for them and for the protection of all essential workers...
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
6. For _____ whom we remember in a special way at this Mass...

4:00 P.M. Vigil Mass:	Arlon Jose Baluyot, for his 16 th birthday
7:30 AM Mass:	Vanessa Juneau, for her healing
9:00 AM Mass:	Robert Contreras, for the repose of her soul
11:00 AM Mass:	for the people of the parish
4:00 PM Mass:	Concepcion Baluyot, for the repose of her soul

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

7. For the intentions written in our Book of Prayer and for all the intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts (PAUSE).
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest:

Merciful Father, we thank you for listening to our prayers. May we continue to be transformed by your love and filled with your glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

During this time of Offertory, we invite those of you viewing Mass from home to prepare your donation to the parish which you may send later at your convenience. Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Priest:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest:

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

...The Preface and the Eucharistic Prayer follow...

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil...

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

The Sign of Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Presider: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Lamb of God is sung.

Presider:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People:

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Priest:

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Concluding Rites

Announcements

1. Pope Francis has made this the Year of St. Joseph. St. Dominic's will offer a St. Joseph Consecration Mass on the feast day of St Joseph, March 19th. In order to prepare for that Mass, and to provide individuals and families an opportunity to grow in their faith, the Knights of Columbus will offer a 33-Day program of consecration to St. Joseph with weekly Zoom sessions every Monday. You are welcome to join the sessions this Monday. See the bulletin for more information.
2. Outside is a table where you may find a Homily Reflection Guide from Fr. Roberto to help you reflect more deeply on today's homily. There is also more information about the Fifth Key of the Father's Blessing in his bulletin message today. The Homily Reflection Guide and the bulletin message are also located at the end of the Mass packets, for those of you viewing online, and on our parish website.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Presider: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Presider: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing song – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

A Message from Fr. Roberto

The Father's Blessing – Additional Information

I am providing the following additional information to go along with this second week of our Lenten preaching series, Unbound – Freedom in Christ, about the freedom, power and peace that is our destiny as God's beloved children. The information below is taken from a workbook that is based on an introductory conference offered by Unbound Ministry. It comes from a talk about the Fifth Key: The Father's Blessing.



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The Father's blessing is *the* great gift for us to seek and receive.

- All blessing is from the heart of God.
- An expression of God's heart: Genesis 1:26-28; 31a;
- When we speak a blessing, we speak God's heart and His thoughts into another person.

The Father imparted blessing to Jesus throughout His life to confirm His identity and destiny.

- Jesus was blessed at major events in His life.
 1. At His conception (Luke 1:29-34).
 2. During Mary's pregnancy (Luke 1:42).
 3. At His birth (Luke 2:8-14).
 4. At His presentation at the temple (Luke 2:25-35).
 5. At His baptism (Mark 1:11).
 6. At His transfiguration (Matthew 17:5).

- These same blessings now belong to us as we identify with Him [Jesus].

Satan attempts to rob us of our freedom by attacking our identity and purpose, just as he did with Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11 and Matthew 16:21-23).

- He presents the lie of rejection to us when we are corrected. If our identity and destiny are not valued and affirmed, we vacillate between the extremes of self-righteousness, self-reliance, and rules, and giving up in hopelessness.
- He attempts to bring bondage through the lack of blessing in childhood.
- We stand against the schemes of the enemy (Ephesians 6:11) by

taking responsibility for our own lives. We do not blame our parents but take up the hope and power offered us in Jesus Christ.

God wants us to learn how to bless others because blessings are incomplete until they are given to someone else.

- The touches, hugs, and spoken words of the family blessing are important. By them, parents envision and speak identity, priceless value, and a future for their child. The remembered and shared family stories add to a child's destiny and help him/her know he/she belongs.
- We learn to bless others by taking up our freedom in Christ.
 1. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we can hear the Father's whisper, we can know our true identity, and we can be confident of our destiny.
 2. Jesus, our Deliverer, has come to set us free. He brings us to the Father's house and restores all that was taken from us.
 3. With hearts free to accept the Father's blessing and His love, we are now able to pass that blessing and love on to others.

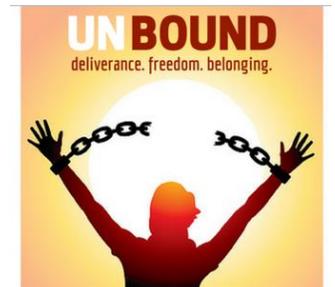
HOMILY REFLECTION GUIDE

WEEK 2 of 5

Preaching Series: Unbound — Freedom in Christ Second Sunday of Lent: God's Dream for You

The Five Keys of Unbound Ministry

1. **Repentance and Faith** – acknowledging our sinfulness and need for Jesus' forgiveness and help;
2. **Forgiveness** of ourselves and others;
3. **Renunciation** of any evil influence in our lives;
4. **Authority**—taking the Authority we have in Jesus to overcome evil and break its power in our lives;
5. **The Father's Blessing** — receiving the love and affirmation God wants to give us as his beloved children.



Main Points of Today's Homily

- The most powerful force in the universe is love because God is love. God's love is the power through which Jesus holds the universe together (see the quote from Colossians on page 4). **God's dream for you is to be transformed by this powerful love.**
- In today's Gospel Jesus is transfigured. God similarly wants to transfigure or transform all of us by his love so that his power and glory radiate in us and through us just like they

radiated through Jesus.

- One of the ways God can transform us is through the Five Keys of the Unbound Ministry model. These Five Keys are five biblical and theological truths that can help us understand, accept and live our destiny as God's beloved children, our destiny of being transformed by God's love.
- **The First Key of Repentance and Faith** means coming before God in humility expressing sorrow for our sins, admitting that we are sinners and surrendering ourselves in faith to Jesus.
- In the **Second Key of Forgiveness** we sincerely have to try to forgive ourselves and others for the harm they have done us.
- **The Third Key is Renunciation** of all the lies of the devil and all the ways we have allowed him to influence our lives.
- **The Fourth Key, Authority**, is taking the authority we have in Jesus and decisively breaking the devil's power and influence in our lives.
- **The Fifth Key, the Father's Blessing**, is the transforming love and affirmation God wants to give us as his beloved children.
- The Father's Blessing is the focus today because it gives us a vision of what God ultimately wants for us: to be transformed by his love. This transformation is not instantaneous; rather, it is a process that lasts our whole life from our baptism to receiving the other sacraments, through prayer, Scripture, gathering with the community at Mass, serving others and all the ways we allow God's love into our hearts.
- However, in spite of our efforts we can still find ourselves stuck, burdened and bound by our own mistakes or by the hurtful things we have experienced from others. And, there can be areas in our lives that we have not completely surrendered to the Lord and/or wounds that have not been healed. **Our transformation can only proceed to the extent we have given ourselves over to God.**
- This is where Unbound Ministry can help us: by removing barriers to God's love in our lives and by helping us receive the healing we need from wounds we carry.
- So, during coming weeks, I will speak about the other keys in more detail beginning next week with the First Key of Repentance & Faith. I will invite you to apply the first four keys to your lives so that you can eventually experience the Fifth Key of the Father's blessing – the freedom, power, love, joy and peace – that God wants to give us so that we, like Jesus, will be transfigured and transformed.

Prayer at the End of the Homily

(from Neal Lozano's book "Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance, p. 120):

“My Father, thank You for sending Jesus and showing me the way home to You. Help me to open myself to You. Please bless my life. As I identify with Christ, I can hear Your words spoken over me: “You are my child, whom I love: with you I am well pleased.” In Christ I receive this blessing— and every spiritual blessing You have for me. Thank You, Father, for knitting me together in my mother’s womb, for calling me by name and for having a special plan for my future. Your works are wonderful!”

Key Scriptures This Week

Colossians 1:15-17

“[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, **and in him all things hold together**” (*emphasis added*)

1 John 4:8, 16

Whoever is without love does not know God, for **God is love**... We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. **God is love**, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him (*emphasis added*)

Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased...

Isaiah 43: 4

...you are precious in my eyes and honored, and I love you...

Isaiah 49: 15-16

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have engraved you...

Numbers 6: 24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!

Romans 12:2

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Questions to Think About

1. What would you most like to hear God say to you?
2. Can you imagine God saying to you: “[Your name], you are my beloved son/daughter; with you I am well pleased” or the words of Isaiah 43:4 or Isaiah 49: 15-16 quoted above? Why or why not?
3. In what ways has Satan lied to you about your identity as a beloved child of God?
4. Are there burdens of guilt or hurt that you are carrying in your heart? Are there areas of your life you have not yet surrendered to Jesus?

5. Do you have a sense of identity, purpose and destiny in your life or do you struggle with these? Can you see how surrendering your life to God can help you understand, accept and live these?
6. How can you be an instrument of God's blessing to others?

Recommended Resources

- Book: **Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance**, for more information about today's homily, read Chapter 7.
- Neal and Janet Lozano's website: www.heartofthefather.com/
- YouTube video: **Introduction to Unbound and the Power of the Gospel:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=9owV8QsOIn4

Testimonies from Those Who Have Experienced Unbound Ministry

- "I've been freed from anxiety, depression, and panic attacks."
- "To feel loved and not judged was life-changing. I learned I can trust people and was freed from the lie that I can't."
- Over the years I had many traumas that left me with no identity. Through the healing ministry...I was restored to full life...All of the cords of abuse were severed, and I am left completely free."

For more testimonies go to:

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