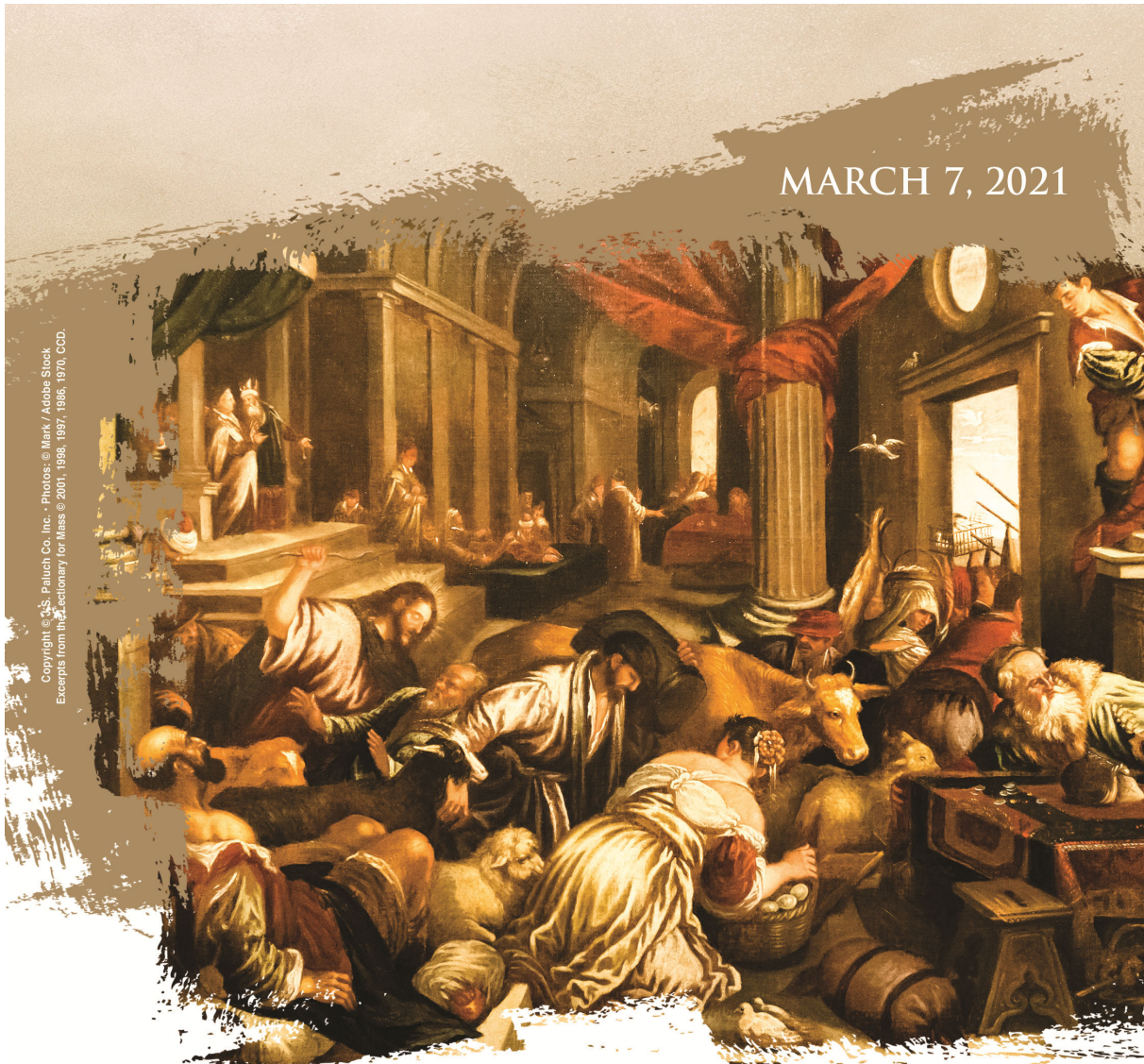


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THIRD SUNDAY OF **LENT**

*Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves,
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John 2:14-15

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Sunday	7:30 AM	Lily de Jesus, †
	9:00 AM	Nolan Bagsic, 50th birthday
	11:00 AM	Byron Osorio, living
	1:00 PM	Pro Populo
	4:00 PM	Ruby De Vera, †
Monday	8:00 AM	Meg Pipo, †
	6:00 PM	Francisca Torres, †
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Trinidad Sangalan, †
	6:00 PM	Pedro Velasco, healing
Wed.	8:00 AM	Robert Meurer, †
	6:00 PM	Michael Directo, †
Thursday	8:00 AM	Leonardo Creencia, †
	6:00 PM	Caroline Barovelli, †
Friday	8:00 AM	Quirino and Engracia Francisco, †
	6:00 PM	Dec Dom. Friars, parents friends and benefactors, † Felina Neri Valmorida, † Casiana Tagamolila and deceased family, † Sr. Maria Mayra E. Lontok, FSMI, †
Saturday	8:00 AM	Deceased brothers and sisters of Province, and those who labored in Province
	4:00 PM	Dave and Antoinette Oliver, 53rd. Wedding Anniversary

(Important: Some of these Masses will be celebrated in the private chapel of St. Dominic's Priory. All the written intentions will be honored. Thank you for your understanding.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

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SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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Novena to St. Joseph

- Mar 10) Husband of the Mother of God & Diligent protector of Christ: Fr. Brian Mullady
- Mar 11) Most Chaste: Fr. Thomas Aquinas Pickett
- Mar 12) Most Valiant: Rev. Br. John Winkowitsch
- Mar 13) Most Obedient: Fr. James Junipero Moore
- Mar 14) Model of Workers: Fr. Michael Sweeney
- Mar 15) Pillar of Families: Fr. Michael Hurley
- Mar 16) Patron of the Dying: Fr. Anthony Rosevear
- Mar 17) Terror of Demons: Fr. Peter Junipero Hannah
- Mar 18) Protector of Holy Church:
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Solemnity of St. Joseph:

- Mar 19) Fr. Christopher Fadok will reflect on the readings for the Solemnity.

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Message from Fr. Roberto

What Do You Desire?

Going back at least as far as the ancient Greek philosopher, Aristotle (384–322 BC), human beings have considered happiness to be our ultimate goal in life. As Christians, we understand happiness in terms of our faith in God. So, for example, both St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas taught that every human being wants to find happiness because God created us to desire and to seek happiness in our lives. More than that, they taught that the ultimate happiness we long for can only be satisfied by God, not by any other human relationship and not by any possession or achievement. As St. Augustine said so poetically centuries ago: **“You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you”** (*Confessions, Book 11(1)*). In other words, God created each of us with a “God-sized hole” in our hearts that only he can fill.

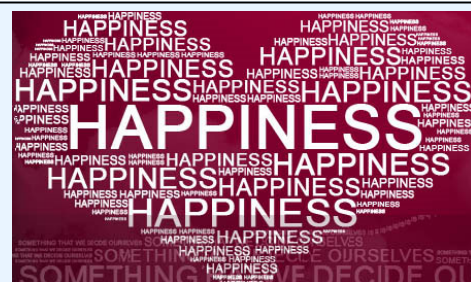
One of the aspects of our human life that makes us happy – at least temporarily – is pleasure. However, as we look for our happiness in this life, we can mistakenly think that pleasure alone will make us happy. The reality is that pleasure and happiness are two different things. Pleasure tends to be based on instant gratification, and it is usually easy to achieve. For example, eating a wonderful meal or a decadent dessert, getting a massage, reading a great book or seeing a great movie or listening to your favorite music are all things that can give us pleasure.

Happiness, on the other hand, is not so instantaneous or easy to achieve; it usually takes time and hard work on our part. Think of some things that bring you happiness; for example, having a meaningful relationship with someone, being in good shape, helping your kids succeed, etc. Not so easy, correct? So, pleasure is easier and quicker, but happiness lasts a lot longer. Pleasure is not a bad thing; in fact, it is often a good thing, and God gave us the ability to enjoy life’s pleasures because he loves us. But if we make pleasure our first priority or an end in itself, it can become a distraction to our spiritual growth and a real problem in our lives.

You and I were made for happiness and not just for pleasure, and the transformation we speak about as Christians – especially during our Lenten preaching series about the Five Keys of the Unbound Ministry Model – leads to happiness but not necessarily to pleasure. God wants you to be happy, but in order to find that happiness you have to do the hard work of giving up your ego’s demand of seeking pleasure at all costs. That is why during Lent we are encouraged to fast from some of our pleasures, particularly the foods and activities that we enjoy so much. We give them up for Lent, not because they are bad in themselves, but because by denying ourselves of these pleasures, we can grow in discipline, gratitude and sharpen our spiritual hunger for God – all of which give us greater happiness in the long run.

Throughout the Bible and the teaching of our Catholic faith, we are often presented with a choice: choose God and God’s ways and you will find happiness and life; choose yourself and choose the pleasures of the world and you will eventually find unhappiness and even spiritual death. This is the meaning behind the challenge that Jesus gives when he says: **“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it”** (Matthew 16:24-25). For Jesus, “saving your life” means saving your false self and putting your ego first. It may give you short-term pleasure to do that, but in the long run you will lose any kind of life that is worth living. It is in “losing our life,” i.e., letting go of our egos and humbling ourselves, that we “find” who we really are.

The way of Jesus is the way of transformation and happiness that leads us to our ultimate happiness in God. It takes lots of hard work, but it is oh so worth it. So, what do you really desire: mediocrity or transformation, pleasure or happiness, yourself or Jesus, death or life? What you truly desire is what you will eventually get. So, this Lent, pray for the desire to desire the right thing.



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Un Mensaje del Padre Roberto

¿Qué Es lo que Deseas?

Remontándonos al menos hasta el antiguo filósofo griego Aristóteles (384–322 aC), los seres humanos han considerado la felicidad como nuestro objetivo final en la vida. Como cristianos, entendemos la felicidad en términos de nuestra fe en Dios. Entonces, por ejemplo, tanto San Agustín como Santo Tomás de Aquino enseñaron que todo ser humano quiere encontrar la felicidad porque Dios nos creó para desear y buscar la felicidad en nuestras vidas. Más que eso, enseñaron que la felicidad suprema que anhelamos solo puede ser satisfecha por Dios, no por ninguna otra relación humana y no por ninguna posesión o logro. Como decía tan poéticamente San Agustín hace siglos: **“Tú nos has hecho para ti, oh Dios, y nuestro corazón está inquieto hasta que descansa en ti”** (Confesiones, Libro II (1)). En otras palabras, Dios nos creó a cada uno de nosotros con un “agujero del tamaño de Dios” en nuestro corazón que solo él puede llenar.

Uno de los aspectos de nuestra vida humana que nos hace felices – al menos temporalmente – es el placer. Sin embargo, mientras buscamos nuestra felicidad en esta vida, podemos pensar erróneamente que solo el placer nos hará felices. La realidad es que el placer y la felicidad son dos cosas distintas. El placer tiende a basarse en la gratificación instantánea y, por lo general, es fácil de lograr. Por ejemplo, comer una comida maravillosa o un postre exquisito, recibir un masaje, leer un gran libro o ver una gran película o escuchar nuestra música favorita son cosas que nos pueden dar placer.

La felicidad, por otro lado, no es tan instantáneo o fácil de lograr; por lo general toma tiempo y trabajo duro de nuestra parte. Piensa en algunas cosas que te hacen feliz; por ejemplo, tener una relación significativa con alguien, estar en buena forma, ayudar a tus hijos llegar a tener éxito, etc. No es tan fácil, ¿verdad? Así, el placer es más fácil y más pronto, pero la felicidad dura mucho más tiempo. El placer no es algo malo; de hecho, a menudo es una buena cosa, y Dios nos dio la capacidad de disfrutar los placeres de la vida porque nos ama. Pero si hacemos del placer nuestra primera prioridad o un fin en sí mismo, puede convertirse en una distracción para nuestro crecimiento espiritual y un problema real en nuestra vida.

Tú y yo fuimos creados principalmente por la felicidad y no sólo por el placer, y la transformación de la que hablamos como cristianos – especialmente durante nuestra serie de predicación de Cuaresma sobre las Cinco Llaves del Modelo de Ministerio Liberado – lleva a la felicidad, pero no necesariamente al placer. Dios quiere que seas feliz, pero para encontrar esa felicidad tienes que hacer el arduo trabajo de renunciar a la exigencia de tu ego de buscar el placer a toda costa. Es por eso que durante la Cuaresma se nos anima a ayunar de algunos de nuestros placeres, particularmente de las comidas y actividades que tanto disfrutamos. Los abandonamos para la Cuaresma, no porque sean malos en sí mismos, sino porque al negarnos a nosotros mismos estos placeres, podemos crecer en disciplina, gratitud y agudizar nuestra hambre espiritual por Dios, todo lo cual nos dará una mayor felicidad a largo plazo.

A lo largo de la Biblia y de la enseñanza de nuestra fe católica, a menudo se nos presenta una opción: elegir a Dios y a los caminos de Dios y encontrarás la felicidad y la vida; elegir a ti mismo y elegir a los placeres del mundo y tarde o temprano encontrarás la infelicidad y la muerte espiritual. Este es el significado del desafío que Jesús implica cuando dice: **“El que quiera seguirme, que renuncie a sí mismo, cargue con su cruz y me siga. Pues el que quiera asegurar su vida la perderá, pero el que sacrifique su vida por causa mía, la hallará” (Mateo 16, 24-25)**. Para Jesús, "asegurar su vida" significa salvar tu “yo falso” y poner primero tu ego. Te puede dar placer a corto plazo, pero en el largo plazo perderás cualquier tipo de vida que vale la pena vivir. Es en “perder nuestra vida”, es decir, dejar a un lado nuestros egos y humillarnos a nosotros mismos, que “encontramos” quiénes somos realmente.

El camino de Jesús es el camino de transformación y felicidad que nos lleva a nuestra máxima felicidad en Dios. Requiere mucho trabajo, pero vale la pena. Entonces, ¿qué es lo que realmente deseas: mediocridad o transformación, placer o felicidad, tú mismo o Jesús, la muerte o la vida? Lo que realmente deseas es lo que eventualmente obtendrás. Entonces, esta Cuaresma, ore por el deseo de desear lo correcto.



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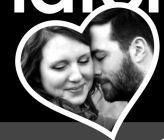
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