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GOOD NEWS!

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2018**

I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall
be my people.

— *Jeremiah 31:33*



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SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

The Meaning of the Gardens of Scripture

Focus on this painting and you will be drawn across the space between the gaze of Jesus and the chalice the angel offers. Sebastiano understands the essence of the agony in the Garden—the loneliness of Jesus before the bitter cup the Father extends to him via the hands of an angel.

Jesus' attitude in receiving this passion is evident in his open arms. Like the posture he will assume when nailed to the cross, he shows his humble acceptance and abandonment.

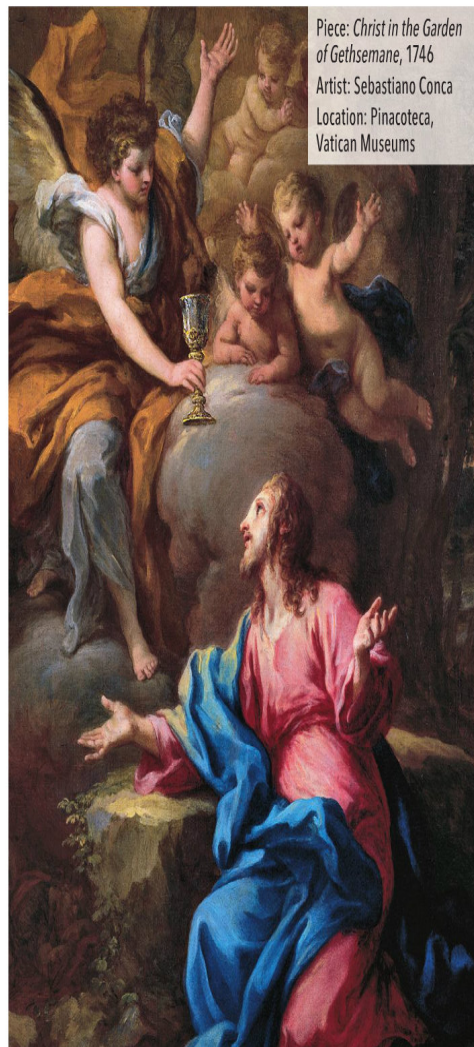
Gardens don't appear often in Scripture, but they are important. There is the Garden of Eden, the place of God's

creative love and man's original sin. There is the garden in the Song of Songs—a garden of passion, possession, and life-giving union. Where is Jesus' tomb, and where does Mary Magdalene, the transformed lover, find Jesus on Easter morning? In the Scriptures, gardens are a place of new life, sin, and redemption. It's where lovers go; where love is declared and tested.

This is important in understanding the drama of our Lord's agony in the Garden. It is the drama inside of love. It is the drama of acceptance and abandonment, trust and generosity, life and death.

Jesus knows this and goes into the Garden to do what Adam failed to do in the first Garden. He goes to pay the price of love. He engenders new life by giving his own. He looks at the chalice, the price of our salvation, and with a heart full of generous, uncomplicated love, accepts the Father's invitation. "Not my will but yours be done."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane*, 1746
Artist: Sebastiano Conca
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

For Reflection

How can I receive Jesus' self-giving love for me more deeply?

How should I imitate Jesus' self-giving love in my relationships?

[Christ Jesus] offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears.

Hebrews 5:7

Jesus saves

Archbishop

José H. Gomez

COLUMN



Listening closely to the Mass prayers during Lent, we notice we are praying even more intensely in these 40 days for the gifts of heaven and eternal life.

For example, in one post-Communion prayer we pray that we might “merit to come and behold You forever.”

Throughout this season, we are praying to know the “things of heaven” and to be made “heirs to the joy of heaven.”

Lent reminds us that we are on a pilgrim journey through this life and that our home is in heaven.

I think we all understand that Jesus came down from heaven for our salvation. He is our Savior and he is the Savior of the world. But what does that mean? What does he save us from and how does he do it? And why do we need salvation in the first place?

These are the kinds of questions that prompted a new document issued last week by the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

“Placuit Deo” (Latin for “It pleased God”) is intended to help the world’s bishops to think about and address the issues that people today have about Jesus and salvation.

The document reflects Pope Francis’ concerns that our ideas and beliefs today are being influenced by a new “Pelagianism” and a new “Gnosticism.”

These were heresies in the early years of Christianity, but in a sense, these habits of thinking are as old as original sin.

Like the Pelagians, Adam and Eve tried to follow their own path in this world, as if they did not need God. We remember the story — how they chose to test what God had commanded, how they wanted to decide for themselves.

And like the Gnostics, our first parents also believed they had an “inside track,” a special wisdom imparted to them by the serpent that gave them a “shortcut” to becoming like God.

Of course, these heresies were more complicated than that. But the point for us is that these heresies express natural temptations, rooted in human weakness and original sin.

And none of us are above these temptations — they are part of the cultural air we breathe.

All of us are influenced by our culture’s emphasis on individual freedom and self-determination. This emphasis is amplified by our science and technology, which fills us with a sense of our own power to control the world around us and even our own bodies.

We are all tempted to think we are smart enough and strong enough to live without God.

That is part of what the pope means by neo-Pelagianism.

We are also shaped by the “subjectivism” in our culture, which reduces everything to individual experience, personal judgment and opinion. In our culture, there are no truths or values outside of what we think and feel as individuals. You have your values and truths and I have mine.

What the pope sees as neo-Gnosticism is the tendency for us to think we can “make ourselves” and to dictate the terms of our personal relationship with God.

If we “feel” close to God, that is all that matters. Religion becomes something private; it is just you and your God. These are important things for us to reflect on in this season when we are preparing to renew our baptismal vows. Jesus saves. And his salvation is real. This is the beautiful truth of our religion. This is the hope we live by. God sent his only Son into the world precisely because he knows that we cannot save ourselves.

Jesus comes as one like us in all things except sin. A human person like us and yet also God, he offered his life for you and for me. In dying and rising he opens for us a new relationship with God.

In baptism, we accept the gift of his salvation. We join our lives to his and we receive his Spirit. And we begin new lives with him, walking with him as children of God in his family, the Church.

Jesus does not save us privately or by ourselves. He saves us in history, in creation, in the real world that we live in. He saves us in the company of others. He is the salvation of all.

Jesus does not show us the way — he is the way. And when we make him the way for our lives, when we follow him in love and trust, we grow daily more and more in our likeness to him.

The new Vatican document quotes a line from the Second Vatican Council: “The ultimate vocation of man is in fact one, and divine.”

We are saved to share in Christ’s mission of love and mercy. And this journey continues until we reach the Father’s house in heaven, when we will see him face-to-face.

Pray for me this week, and I will pray for you. And let us look always to the intercession of Mary, the Mother of our Savior.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturdays: 7:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM
Sundays: 6:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:45 PM, 2:30 PM (Spanish), 4:15PM, 6:00 PM
Weekdays: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM
First Wed. & First Fri. Only: 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 7:00PM

Eve of Holy Days: 7:00 PM
Holy Days: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, Thursday before First Friday and Day before Holy Days: 4:00PM – 5:00PM & 6:00PM– 7:00PM
First Fridays: 6:15 PM – 7:00 PM

PRIESTS

Rev. Albert H. Avenido-Administrator Pro-Tem
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 Rosa Garcia - *Director, Religious Education*
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
 Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Tuesday: Spring begins
 Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

***Saturday, Mar. 17, 2018**
 7:30am: Alex T. Cruz Jr. (+)
 5:00pm: Rita Lee B-day (+)
 7:00pm: Fernando Mendez Sr. (+)

***Sunday, Mar. 18, 2018**
 6:00am: Zanito Ablaza Jr. (+)
 7:30am: Jessie Esperanza (+)
 Jose Remo Sr. (+)
 9:15am: Marichu Estacio (+)
 11:00am: Byron Macavinta (L)
 12:45pm: Coronacion Gonzalez(+)
 2:30pm: Manuel Salatino (+)
 4:15pm: Gerundio R. Aquino (+)
 6:00pm: Kyle Escobar (+)

***Monday, Mar. 19, 2018**
 6:30am: Jose Encarnacion Ortiz (+)
 8:00am: Maria Kienholz. (+)

***Tuesday, Mar. 20, 2018**
 6:30am: Gloria - (T) St Philomena
 8:00am: Jose Manalili Cruz Sr. (+)

***Wednesday, Mar. 21, 2018**
 6:30am: Reynold Bess (+)
 8:00am: Levy Olivarez (+)
 7:00pm: Zanito Ablaza Jr.(+)

***Thursday, Mar. 22, 2018**
 6:30am: Luz Rodelas (+)
 8:00am: Zanito Ablaza Jr.

***Friday, Mar. 23, 2018**
 6:30am: Rosal Lee (L, B)
 8:00am: Zanito Ablaza Jr.(+)
 Sis Arlene Smith, OSF
 7:00pm: Manuel Gontes (+)
 Angel Limaly (+)

***Saturday, Mar. 24, 2018**
 7:30am: Cecila Willis .(T)

Legends:
 (L) Living (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving (+) Deceased

Sick Relatives & Friends
Please pray for the sick of the parish

Aida Torion Zanoria, LaVerne Wilkom Levenson, Juanita Cariaga, Anita S., Irene Santos, Ellis Robinson, Jack Hogue, Laura Medeiros, Michele Nartea, Lougee Capati, Nick Cruz, Baby Vicente Maldonado, Ada Charisze Espanola, Sony Batucal, Thelma Lago, Merlinda Guerro, Aida Dollente, Rey Nacino, Rowena T. Lynden Abalos, Anna Dumlaol, Luz P. Dominguez, Ester Jornacion, Raul De Leon, Marilou Bautista, Jacen Castillo, Angie McKittrick, Nelson Mape, Ricardo Cabanban, Kenneth Dulany, Connie Medina Kennedy, Ruben Martinez, Odelia Xu, Rosanna Salazar Jaime Campos, Hong Pham, Frederick Wetzell
and all those in our community who are in need of prayers.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

All powerful Creator whose loving in hope, look kindly upon,
 Traci Dela Cruz, Rosita Nocos, Lucy Castillo, Fatu Faleafine, Claire Bertha Dors, Rudolfo Tubangu, Tauveve Tu'upo, Eutimio Estrada, Ma. Caridad Bigay, Angelito Penalba, Arturo Balatero, Nick Gapuz, Fred Bulacan, Alexander Tomaneng, Judy Madlangbayan, Maria Ponce Gonzalez, Luis Soto, Mario Torres, Arturo Salas, Luz E. Poli, Raymond Umali, Eliseo Monzon, Robert Palanca, Maria Kienholz, Pauline Mc Millan, Jose Refugio Zamudio, Bella Estiamba, Danny Florencio, Venit Relatorke

& all who have departed this life confessing your name. Number them among your saints forever.

EVANGELIZATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS (REP)

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

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A Prayer for the Elect

Life-Giving Father, you desire that we may be one Christ, so that all creation may give you praise.

Look kindly upon the Elect whom you have fed at the table of your Word, and strengthen them as they approach the waters of Baptism to be reborn and anointed as your own.

We pray especially for the Elect of our parish.

Kendra Lopez, Levan Duschane, Adryana Davis, Ashley & John Rico, Adrian Romano, Gabriella Tapia, Isaiah & Saraiyah Vigil, Diana Cobos, Nicholas & Emerie Guzman, Anthony Saucedo, Jose & Valerie Gonzalez

Through the power of your Word, our life of prayer, and the example of Christ's love we share with those in need, may they soon rejoice at the table of the Eucharist. There we shall stand as one body united in the Holy Spirit to offer you praise and thanksgiving through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**

“You are chosen, You are blessed,
You are a sign of God's Love”

The Holy Week Celebration is approaching and our Elects are excited to be welcomed as new members of our faith community!

As members of our St. Philomena Church, you have taken part in their evangelization already. You support our Elects every time at mass, and through continuous and generous prayers. Our Elects and Candidates witness every Sunday at mass your faith and love for one another, and we thank you for being true examples of what our parish has to offer.

In order for our Parish to receive and welcome our newly Catholics into our community, we all need to come together and prepare for their reception, which will be held after the Easter Vigil in the Parish Center. First off, we are in need of your **generous support and prayers** of our Elect who are preparing for the Easter Vigil, and also in need of donations and service.

We are in need of food, beverage, and monetary donations. If you are able to donate or provide service, please contact Heather Kumiyama or the REP office. Thank you & God bless!

Why become a Catechist?

For the next few weeks, we will be sharing with you some insights from our catechists so you can get to know them and know why they keep coming back year after year to share their faith with the children.

16 years of Service —Sister Cora Malinay

Greetings to all, Hi, I am Sister Cora Malinay, RGS. I started being a catechist way back in my senior high school year in the Philippines when I was asked by a co-Legionary to cover for her class. My yes got me exposed to catechetical trainings, groups and opportunities for spiritual growth, service and meaning of life. So much so that after graduating from college, I felt called to the religious life where I sought with much joy entry to the congregation where I now belong.

In the year 2001, while taking care of my sick mom (who lived in Carson), I came across the St. Philomena Parish Bulletin, and saw the need for volunteer Catechists. After some inquiring here and there, I then found myself as one of the now volunteer catechist in the Religious Education Programs. It is very consoling and encouraging as well, that when God calls, it is truly for a purpose. And without any doubt too, with corresponding grace. Endless praise and thanks be to God!

ST. PHILOMENA CHURCH LENTEN SCHEDULE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

"Rehearsal Announcement for Holy Week:

Holy Thursday (7:00pm Mass) - Practice: Friday, March 23rd, 2018 @ 7:30pm

Easter Vigil (8:00pm Mass) - Practice: Tuesday, March 27th, 2018 @ 7:00pm"

"Palm Sunday: To ensure Palms will be distributed evenly, palms will be distributed per family/individual. The community is invited to bring their own palms for Palm Sunday & will be blessed during the mass."

"Holy Wednesdays Tenebrae's celebration will be combined with the 7 Last Words of Jesus Christ on Good Friday at 1:00pm. Please Join us for our Holy Wednesday Mass on 3/28/18 at 7:00pm"

"On the night of Easter Vigil (3/31/18) the doors to the church will remain closed till after the blessing of the Paschal Candle and will open once the procession into the church begins. The Parish Center will remain open prior to the celebration for anyone with special needs or individuals with disabilities."

March 16, 2018	Stations of the Cross	6:30pm (Inside Church)	Divine Mercy
	Lenten Mass	7:00pm Mass	
March 18, 2018	Sunday Mass	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule (4:15pm Mass – 3rd Scrutiny)	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule Year A Readings
March 19, 2018	Parish Lenten Mission (Spanish)	7:00pm – 9:00pm (Inside Church)	Rev. Jose de Jesus Sanchez
March 20, 2018	Parish Lenten Mission (Spanish)	7:00pm – 9:00pm (Inside Church)	Rev Jose de Jesus Sanchez
March 21, 2018	Parish Lenten Mission (Spanish)	7:00pm – 9:00pm (Inside Church)	Rev. Neil Arce Rev Jose de Jesus Sanchez
March 23, 2018	Stations of the Cross	6:30pm (Inside Church)	GOD Faith Choir
	Lenten Mass	7:00pm Mass	
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion with Blessing of Palms at all Masses			
March 24, 2018	Saturday Daily Mass	5:00pm Mass (Spanish) 7:00pm Mass	"Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance
March 25, 2018	Palm Sunday	6:00am Mass 7:30am Mass 9:15am Mass 11:00am Mass 12:45pm Mass 2:30pm Mass (Spanish) 4:15pm Mass 6:00pm Mass	"Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Solemn Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance
March 26, 2018	Chrim Mass	7:00pm	Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
	NO MASS	NO MASS AT ST. PHILOMENA	
March 28, 2018		Note: TENEBRAE will be integrated to the 7 Last Words on Good Friday	
	Confession	4:00pm – 5:00pm 6:00pm – 7:00pm	Priests
	Holy Wednesday Mass	7:00pm	GOD Faith Choir
March 29, 2018	Morning Prayer	8:00am	Liturgy of the Hour
	Holy Thursday Mass	7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Marian Choir)
March 30, 2018	Morning Prayer	8:00am	Priest & Cantor
	Stations of the Cross	10:00am (Outside stations)	Youth Ministry/Confirmation
	Tenebrae - 7 Last Words	1:00pm (Inside Church)	Priests
	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3:00pm (English) 5:00pm (Spanish) 7:00pm (English)	Servant's Choir Hispanic Choir Ave Maria Choir
March 31, 2018	Morning Prayer	8:00am (RCIA rite during morning prayer)	Priest & Cantor
	Easter Vigil	8:00pm (Church Plaza & Inside)	Priest, RCIA
April 1, 2018	Easter Sunday Mass	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST PHILOMENA PIONEERS

Join the St Philomena Pioneers for a
DAY OF RECOLLECTION ,
Monday , March 19, 2018

9:30 am. Mass to include Anointing of the sick with Father Albert, presiding

10:45am.- Sign-in at Hall A.

11:00 am - Spiritual Talk wit Father Alidor.

12:00 Noon- light lunch and dessert.

1:00 pm - Announcements &

Thought of the Week

"If you want God to hear your prayers, hear the voice of the poor. If you wish God to anticipate your wants, provide those of the needy without waiting for them to ask you. Especially anticipate the needs of those who are ashamed to beg. To make them ask for alms is to make them buy it."

-- St. Thomas of Villanova

VIA DOLOROSA

On March 23, 2018, St. Philomena Church GOD Faith Choir would like to invite you to pray with us the "Station of the Cross". Be a part of our journey to our "Walk At The Passion of Christ", and join us in our Holy Lenten Presentation, a Meditational Play to a closer walk with our Lord Jesus. A Divine Inspiration of a re-enactment in the "Via Dolorosa" portrayed by members of our youth from GOD Faith Choir. May you journey with us in prayer, and we hope that we see you all. Thank You and Be Bless!

ST. PHILOMENA SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO THE...

PANCAKE OR ISLAND BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER!

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018
FROM 7:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

WILL BE HELD AT THE PARISH HALL

Enjoy a hearty breakfast following the 6:00 A.M., the 7:30 A.M. and the 9:15 A.M. Masses. The breakfast will include Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage or Rice, Eggs and Spam, Coffee and Orange Juice for a \$5.00 donation. You have the option to "Eat In" or take it "To Go." Come and support your Parish School!

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**Rev. José de Jesús Sánchez, M.SP.S.
Misionero del Espiritu Santo**

**Ven al encuentro:
Los Dias: 19, 20, 21 de Marzo del 2018
6:30 pm El Santo Rosario
7:00 pm La Santa Eucaristia
8:00 pm Mision Cuaresmal**

DIOS NOS ESPERA CON LOS BRAZOS ABIERTOS

YOU ARE INVITED!

**Be part of our journey, to our
“Walk At The Passion Of Christ”**



A Meditational Play...

A Closer Walk With Christ...

A Holy Lenten Journey Of....



THE STATION OF THE CROSS

“VIA DOLOROSA”

ST. PHILOMENA CHURCH

MARCH 23, 2018, 5:30 PM