



FR. ANTHONY'S TAKE OUT PASTA DINNER

THIS WEEKEND, SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022 FROM 2 P.M. UNTIL 5 P.M.

# LENT: A Time to Watch and Pray with Christ



# HOLY WEEK PARISH MISSION

# March 28 through March 31, 2022, 7:00 PM

# MONDAY through THURSDAY

# Preacher: Reverend Carlo Santa Teresa

Ur Parish Mission to be preached by Fr. Carlo Santa Teresa is a time of Parish AWAKENING!

A time for the whole Parish to come together to Reflect upon God's Word, to Renew our Faith and to Pray with open hearts and minds.

This is our <u>chance</u>, our <u>opportunity</u>, our <u>summons</u> from Christ to make the Mission.

Some of you may have not been doing too much for Lent, so if you do nothing at all for Lent but make the Mission, you will be doing a <u>WHOLE LOT</u>.

Listen to Our Lord's summons. Don't let Him down. Make this Spiritual Retreat here at St. Gianna and you will not be left wanting! It's just what the doctor ordered! i.e. *The Divine Physician*.

# **Please Join Us!!**

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

March 28 through March 31, 2022, 7:00 PM



# THE LORD'S REAL PRESENCE

We are fortunate enough to worship in a Church in which the **Body of Christ** is <u>reserved</u>. It is right to acknowledge the **Lord's Real Presence** with a brief act of worship on <u>entering or leaving</u> the Church and <u>every time</u> passing by the Sanctuary. Normally, a <u>genuflection</u> in the direction of the place of Reservation is enough. One who is physically unable to genuflect may substitute a *profound bow* at the waist .

Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are readily available to bring Holy Communion to the homes of the sick on a schedule agreeable to the sick person. If you or someone that you know is a shut-in and would like to receive the Sacrament, please let us know by contacting the Parish office.



# Thank you! Gracias!

First, my wife and I would like to thank Fr. Anthony for honoring me with a reception to celebrate the 25th anniversary of my ordination to the Diaconate in the Camden Diocese. What a milestone for me personally and for me in the service of the Lord to such wonderful parishioners in St. Gianna's. I've been very blessed in those 25 years. Secondly, thank you to those whose prepared for the celebration, and to all those who stopped by to honor me with their kind words, smiles, and presence, and to all those who so generously honored me with a gift. Sometime simple words say it best. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.



#### Share the Word Prayer Group

he purpose of a Prayer Group is to give members of the Church the opportunity to engage in a Ministry of Prayer for the Church, other members, specific concerns, and local and world events. Our Prayer Group meets every Wednesday in the Choir Room (behind the Altar in our Church) to share with each other our prayer concerns. Come be a part of our group! We start our meeting praying the Rosary at 9:15 AM and the meeting follows immediately after. We invite you to come and to be a powerful part of prayer.



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St Gianna's Seniors of Northfield group is inviting new Attention members to come out and participate in our Senior get together. The second Wednesday of the Month we meet from 12:45 till 2:30 p.m. We socialize, we have speakers, games, we go to 'eat out'. We meet at St

Gianna's Parish Hall – behind the church. Come join us and meet some new seniors. Every one is invited. For more info call Maryann at (609)226-2130.

#### SODALITY OF ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA PARISH

The Sodality is a Spiritual organization of women who are devoted to the Blessed Mother and who promote the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

**NEW MEMBERS:** All women over the age of 18 are welcome to join Sodality. We would love to welcome new members to join this holy and blessed organization. If interested or would like more information, please contact Linda Cohen at 609-703-6962.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS: The Sodality of St. Gianna Parish welcomes all infants into the Church and prays for all expectant mothers who request prayers for their babies who are soon to be born. All pregnant women are welcome to contact Teri Clark (609) 641-4245 for further information.

## amily and friends for whose intentions the Mass is being offered are invited to bring up the Offertory Gifts at the Mass. Before the Liturgy begins, please indicate your intention to one of the Parish Ushers.

OUR NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 AT 7 p.m. PARISH HALL

MASS INTEN-TION FOR ROSERMARY O'DOWD MARCH 27, 2022 AT THE 8 a.m. MASS WE'LL PRAY ROSARY AFTER MASS

#### WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS

ur Parish's BINGO is a great way to supplement the income gained through Church collections, bequests, and other donations. St. Gianna hosts BINGO every Wednesday and Saturday in the Parish hall (building located at the end of the parking lot, behind the church). Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the games start at 10 a.m. Join us!! \$1,000 in prize money. Instant winners. Progressive Jack-Pots. Also, coffee, bagels, donuts and lots of fun. Come and enjoy the games!! And meet that wonderful group of parishioners who freely donate their time and talent to make our bingo games, week after week, a delightful and great success. Don't miss it!! Thank you all!!



Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium (this is what a Parish Legion of Mary group is known as) at St. Gianna meets each Tuesday at 3:00 PM in the Church (Choir room located behind the Altar). You are most welcome to join us. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our next meeting.

LENT: DON'T JUST GIVE UP ... **GIVE MORE** 



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MANY BLESSINGS ST. GIANNA PARISH!! TO OUR PASTOR, FR. ANTHONY J. MANUPPELLA, FR. SUNNY MATHEW, STAFF, AND ALL THE WONDERFUL PARISHIONERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS MOST IMPORTANT EFFORT

Dear Parishioners:

<sup>©</sup> Once again we have done ourselves proud.

I am thrilled to report that on a goal of **\$98,700** for the 2022 House of Charity Bishops' Annual Appeal, our Parish has raised, **\$124,408** — and donations are still coming in.

This is a remarkable achievement!! Congratulations for such outstanding joint effort. I could not be more proud of YOU!

Your goodness and your generosity make me feel humble and grateful to be
Pastor of this great Parish family. You have demonstrated, time after time, that
you have embraced your responsibility not only for our beautiful St. Gianna
Parish here in Northfield but for also those in most need.

Hats off to your generous hearts, your positive attitude, and your willingness to help others. Please keep in mind that even when we have reached our goal (\$98,700), the Parish will not received the promised 10% of that amount until <u>all</u> pledges are paid in full.

I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for all that you have done and continue to do for our Parish and the Diocese of Camden.

God bless you all!

Fr. Anthony



EveryLife Secause it is a gift from God

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## **REQUESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES**

The role of a sponsor is primarily a Spiritual role to model a Christian life for the child. Therefore, anyone requesting a certificate <u>must</u> be a registered, <u>participating</u> member of St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish, a <u>practicing</u> Catholic in good standing (not living in violation of the Church laws), at least 16 years of age and <u>have received the sacraments of initiation</u> (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

In order to keep our records up to date and also stop the mailing of contribution envelopes during the summer/winter months, please note that we would appreciate hearing from pa-



rishioners who are summer residents in our Parish before they move away. Thank you for your cooperation. Remember, the *kneelers are for kneeling*. We kindly ask that you not use them, up or down, as *foot-rests*. Thank you!



Monday-Thursday: 9 AM – 4 PM <u>CLOSED ON FRIDAYS</u>

#### South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries Offers Numerous Pre-Planning Discounts

South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries offers several pre-planning discounts. A pre-need discount is available on any purchase of burial, entombment or inurnment rights purchased while the intended occupant (s) of the right is still living. To learn more about our discounts, please call Catholic Cemeteries at 855-697-7375.



## ST. GIANNA PRO-LIFE MINISTRY CORNER

"Moms in Need" at the Jersey Shore Women's Center. The pregnancy center provides support to all women and their families in a loving environment, connecting them to the resources and services they need. Current Needs: Diapers (sizes 3 to 6); pullups (sizes 3T to 5T); wipes; baby toiletries (shampoo, lotion, orajel, diaper rash cream); UBER gift cards. If you have any questions, please call Eleonora Vespertino at 609-841-7854. Thank you for your continued support.

Lenten Reflections Our Lady of Sorrows March 22-24, 2022 6-9 p.m. Fr Damian U. Anumba, MSSCC





If You Cannot Be On Time, Then Be EARLY. Making Time For Prayer Strengthens Our Connection With God.



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#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00 - 10:00 AM (English) 12:00 Noon: Traditional Latin Mass 2:00 PM (Spanish)

#### WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM (English) Friday 7:00 PM (Spanish)

## HOLY DAYS:

Vigil: 7:00 Feast Day: 8:30 AM- 12:00 Noon 7:00 PM (Spanish Mass)

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 – 4:30 PM Anytime by Appointment



# St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish Third Keys & Roses Award Banquet RESORTS CASINO & HOTEL FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Please remember to purchase your tickets for our Keys & Roses Award Banquet event after all the weekend Masses and at the Parish office during regular office hours.

## Grand Prize To Be Raffled That Night

Every person attending our joyful banquet will have the opportunity to participate in this fabulous raffle. Yes!! Resorts is donating the Grand Prize which consists of an Overnight Suite accommodation for one night, any Sunday through Friday, excluding holidays. The room will also include a very nice in-room amenity. The package will also include dinner for 2 in either of our Gourmet restaurants, Capriccio's or Dougherty's Steak House. Come and celebrate with us! Tickets can be purchased after any of our weekend masses in the Gathering Area of the Church.

**KEEP IN MIND**: Resorts will set aside 20 rooms at a \$79 rate, not including taxes and fees. You can make your room reservations by calling Resorts Casino Services at 609-340-6760. Please mention that you are attending the Gala and mention the group code: **VSGB122** to get the \$79 rate.

Would you like to Jolunteer?

**BE A SERVER AT THE ALTAR!** We are in need of Adults who are available to become Altar Servers and help at Funerals, daily Mass and other holidays when our youth is not available. If you are interested please see Father Anthony after Mass or call the Parish office (609) 646-5611.

**Lent**\*FAST \*PRAY \*GIVE

B ishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the Diocese to join him and his Priests for the Chrism



Mass at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the Priesthood and the occasion at which the Bishop consecrates the Sacred Oils used in the Sacramental Life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 26

#### **4:30p.m.** Intenitons of Fr. Goyette r/b Friend

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 27

- 10a.m. Anthony & Nancy Fernetti r/b Thomas & Marie Falvo
  Carmencita & Narciso Cobrado r/b Mary Ann Gacayan
  Helen Thomas r/b Dante & Eleonora Vespertino
- 12N Bernard E. DeLury r/b Children & Grandchildren Joseph Lang & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary Proesidium Our Lady of Lourdes
- 2p.m. Sol Fernandez r/b Caban Family

#### MONDAY, MARCH 28

8:30a.m. Rosemary O'Dowd r/b Flynn Family

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 29**

8:30a.m. Ida Calabro r/b Carmela Nanfara & Family

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

8:30a.m. Ida Calabro r/b Nina & Dino Giacona

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 31**

8:30a.m. Joseph Radoslovich r/b Hong Family

#### FRIDAY, ARIL 1

8:30a.m. Diane Fortis r/b Marie McGettigan

7p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

**4:30p.m.** Lee Catani r/b Children

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

- 8a.m. Pompei & Isabel Palmentieri r/b Children
- 10a.m. Virginia Scott r/b Gerald & Vici Butler Mario Martirone r/b family Leonardo & Concordia Gomez r/b Maryann Gacayan
- 12N Bernard E. DeLury r/b Children & Grandchildren Jerry & Jim Bartolome r/b Mom, Cindy Lim
- 2p.m. Intenciones de Gloria Osoria r/b Familia

## MARCH 26-APRIL 3, 2022

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN (above the Main Altar)

# IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARIO MARTIRONE

Requested by **FAMILY** 



#### Weekdays of Lent:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

#### Ash Wednesday & Good Friday:

These are days of Fast & Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

#### Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

#### **Easter Duty Obligation:**

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.

## ENTRANCE: SAVE YOUR PEOPLE

# Save your people, O Lord. Show us the way to come home. We have been wandering far from your love. Save your people, O Lord.

One thing I ask, O Lord, this I seek; to dwell forever in your house, that I may gaze on your loveliness all the days of my life.

For you will hide me in the shelter of your wings and from the arrows of my foes. You set me high on a mountaintop, saved me from my distress

Listen, O Lord, to the sound of my call, for I acknowledge my offense. Wash me and I shall be purified. I shall be whiter than snow.

Thus will I bless you all the days of my life. Lifting my hands, I call your name: "O Lord, remember you inheritance. Save your people, O Lord."

## OFFERTORY HYMN: THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

Souls of men, why will you wander from a love so true and deep? Foolish hearts, he still will find you thought the way be rough and steep. There is mercy for the sinner, and more graces for the good, there is welcome with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of man's mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word, and our hearts would rest forgiven in the mercy of the Lord.

## CLOSING HYMN: HAVE MERCY ON US LORD

Have mercy, Lord, on us for thou art ever kind; though we have sinned before thee, Lord, thy mercy let us find.

Lord, wash away our guilt, and cleanse us from our sin; for we confess our wrongs and see how great our guilt hath been.

The joy thy grace can give let us again obtain; and may thy spirit's firm support our spirits then sustain.

To God the Father, Son, and Spirit glory be, who was and is and shall be so for all eternity.

Father Quick Quote: When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. *Matthew* 6:6



## FIRST READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad. *R*.

Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. *R*.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him. *R*.

## SECOND READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

**B** rothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. Verse before the Gospel The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.

#### R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory

*I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.* **R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory** 

## A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

ax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

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



i usted visita semanalmente St. Giana y aún no se ha registrado formalmente en la Parroquia por favor hágalo. Usted y su familia son importantes para nosotros y esperamos que nosotros lo seamos para usted. Las planillas de registración están ubicadas en el vestibule de la iglesia. El proceso de registración es simple, confidencial y muy importante para la administración de nuestra Parroquia y



para servir mejor a nuestra comunidad. Para más información comuníquese con la oficina parroquial (609) 646-5611.

# HORARIO DE MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

VIERNES A LAS 7:00 PM

DOMINGOS A LAS 2:00 PM



Misa en Latin

Domingos a las 12 Noon

# CUARESMA

## Alimentar el Espíritu

Miércoles 5:30 PM Salón Grande

eserve todos los Miércoles durante el tiempo de Cuaresma para eschuchar la plática de Fr. Anthony sobre la Misericordia y compartir pan y deliciosas sopas preparadas por miembros de nuestra familia parroquial. To-



dos están invitados! Si usted desea preparar sopa por favor comuníquese con la oficna parroquial. Gracias.

> TICKETS PARA LA PASTA DINNER YA ESTAN A LA VENTA A PRECIO CON DESCUENTO ADULTOS \$ 14 NIÑOS \$10



SACREMENTO DE CONFESIÓN: TODOS LOS VIERNES DE 6:15-6:45 pm y todos los sábados de 3-4:30 pm. Fuera de estos horarios, por favor llamar a la oficina parroquial.



Acompáñenos a rezar el Via Crucis Todos los Viernes a las 6:00 p.m. (antes de la Misa)



MARQUEN SUS CALENDARIOS!!

MISION PARROQUIAL

MARZO 28- MARZO 31, 7:00PM, IGLESIA

FR. CARLO SANTA TERESA



Padre Anthony Pasta Dinner

Sunday, March 27, 2022 – 2-5 p.m.

Más detalles de las preparaciones en los próximos buletines parroquiales

#### LECTURA DEL PRIMER LIBRO DE JOSUE

En aquellos días, Moisés pastoreaba el rebaño de su suegro, Jetró, sacerdote de Madián. En cierta ocasión llevó el rebaño más allá del desierto, hasta el Horeb, el monte de Dios, y el Señor se le apareció en una llama que salía de un zarzal. Moisés observó con gran asombro que la zarza ardía sin consumirse y se dijo: "Voy a ver de cerca esa cosa tan extraña, por qué la zarza no se quema". Viendo el Señor que Moisés se había desviado para mirar, lo llamó desde la zarza: "¡Moisés, Moisés!" Él respondió: "Aquí estoy". Le dijo Dios: "¡No te acerques! Quítate las sandalias, porque el lugar que pisas es tierra sagrada". Y añadió: "Yo soy el Dios de tus padres, el Dios de Abraham, el Dios de Isaac y el Dios de Jacob". Entonces Moisés se tapó la cara, porque tuvo miedo de mirar a Dios. Pero el Señor le dijo: "He visto la opresión de mi pueblo en Egipto, he oído sus quejas contra los opresores y conozco bien sus sufrimientos. He descendido para librar a mi pueblo de la opresión de los egipcios, para sacarlo de aquellas tierras y llevarlo a una tierra buena y espaciosa, una tierra que mana leche y miel". Moisés le dijo a Dios: "Está bien. Me presentaré a los hijos de Israel y les diré: 'El Dios de sus padres me envía a ustedes'; pero cuando me pregunten cuál es su nombre, ¿qué les voy a responder?" Dios le contestó a Moisés: "Mi nombre es Yo -soy"; y añadió: "Esto les dirás a los israelitas: 'Yo-soy me envía a ustedes'. También les dirás: 'El Señor, el Dios de sus padres, el Dios de Abraham, el Dios de Isaac, el Dios de Jacob, me envía a ustedes'. Éste es mi nombre para siempre. Con este nombre me han de recordar de generación en generación". Palabra de Dios. Te alabamos Señor.

SALMO RESPONSORIAL: R. Haz la prueba y verás qué bueno es el Señor.

Bendeciré al Señora a todas horas, no cesará mi boca de alabarlo. Yo me siento orgulloso del Señor, que se alegre su pueblo al escucharlo. *R*.

Proclamemos la grandeza del Señor, y alabemos todos juntos su poder. Cuando acudí al Señor, me hizo caso y me libró de todos mis temores. *R*.

Confía en el Señor y saltarás de gusto, jamás te sentirás decepcionado, porque el Señor escucha el clamor de los pobres y los libra de todas sus angustias. *R*.

## LECTURA DE LA SEGUNDA CARTA DEL APOSTOL SAN PABLO A LOS CORINTIOS

Hermanos: El que vive según Cristo es una creatura nueva; para él todo lo viejo ha pasado. Ya todo es nuevo. Todo esto proviene de Dios, que nos reconcilió consigo por medio de Cristo y que nos confirió el ministerio de la reconciliación. Porque, efectivamente, en Cristo, Dios reconcilió al mundo consigo y renunció a tomar en cuenta los pecados de los hombres, y a nosotros nos confió el mensaje de la reconciliación. Por eso, nosotros somos embajadores de Cristo, y por nuestro medio, es como si Dios mismo los exhortara a ustedes. En nombre de Cristo les pedimos que se dejen reconciliar con Dios. Al que nunca cometió pecado, Dios lo hizo "pecado" por nosotros, para que, unidos a él, recibamos la salvación de Dios y nos volvamos justos y santos.Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.** 

#### R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

Me levantaré, volveré a mi padre y le diré: "Padre, he pecado contra el cielo y contra ti". *R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.* 

#### LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO SEGUN SAN LUCAS

En aquel tiempo, se acercaban a Jesús los publicanos y los pecadores para escucharlo. Por lo cual los fariseos y los escribas murmuraban entre sí: "Éste recibe a los pecadores y come con ellos." Jesús les dijo entonces esta parábola: "Un hombre tenía dos hijos, y el menor de ellos le dijo a su padre: 'Padre, dame la parte de la herencia que me toca'. Y él les repartió los bienes. No muchos días después, el hijo menor, juntando todo lo suyo, se fue a un país lejano y allá derrochó su fortuna, viviendo de una manera disoluta. Después de malgastarlo todo, sobrevino en aquella región una gran hambre y él empezó a padecer necesidad. Entonces fue a pedirle trabajo a un habitante de aquel país, el cual lo mandó a sus campos a cuidar cerdos. Tenía ganas de hartarse con las bellotas que comían los cerdos, pero no lo dejaban que se las comiera. Se puso entonces a reflexionar y se dijo: '¡Cuántos trabajadores en casa de mi padre tienen pan de sobra, y yo, aquí, me estoy muriendo de hambre! Me levantaré, volveré a mi padre y le diré: Padre, he pecado contra el cielo y contra ti; ya no merezco llamarme hijo tuyo. Recíbeme como a uno de tus trabajadores'. Enseguida se puso en camino hacia la casa de su padre. Estaba todavía lejos, cuando su padre lo vio y se enterneció profundamente. Corrió hacia él, y echándole los brazos al cuello, lo cubrió de besos. El muchacho le dijo: 'Padre, he pecado contra el cielo y contra ti; ya no merezco llamarme hijo tuyo'. Pero el padre les dijo a sus criados: '¡Pronto!, traigan la túnica más rica y vístansela; pónganle un anillo en el dedo y sandalias en los pies; traigan el becerro gordo y mátenlo. Comamos y hagamos una fiesta, porque este hijo mío estaba muerto y ha vuelto a la vida, estaba perdido y lo hemos encontrado'. Y empezó el banquete. El hijo mayor estaba en el campo y al volver, cuando se acercó a la casa, oyó la música y los cantos. Entonces llamó a uno de los criados y le preguntó qué pasaba. Éste le contestó: 'Tu hermano ha regresado y tu padre mandó matar el becerro gordo, por haberlo recobrado sano y salvo'. El hermano mayor se enojó y no quería entrar. Salió entonces el padre y le rogó que entrara; pero él replicó: '¡Hace tanto tiempo que te sirvo, sin desobedecer jamás una orden tuya, y tú no me has dado nunca ni un cabrito para comérmelo con mis amigos! Pero eso sí, viene ese hijo tuyo, que despilfarró tus bienes con malas mujeres, y tú mandas matar el becerro gordo'. El padre repuso: 'Hijo, tú siempre estás conmigo y todo lo mío es tuyo. Pero era necesario hacer fiesta y regocijarnos, porque este hermano tuyo estaba muerto y ha vuelto a la vida, estaba perdido y lo hemos encontrado.' "

Palabra de Dios. Gloria a Ti Señor.



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