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Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

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March 17, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Release Us by Your Spirit

God of all life,
who raised Lazarus from the dead,
and released the poor from
their suffering,
you lead us in the land of the living;
bless us and give us your Spirit,
your Spirit of generosity and holiness,
of life and of creative energy.
Lift us from our graves of sinfulness
and raise us from our dry and
wasteful ways.
May our sins be left behind
and our life in your Spirit bring us joy.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Spirit Dwelling Within



Today's readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45. The Spirit of God gives life. Today's readings emphasize the role of the Spirit in those apparently dead. Ezekiel emphasizes this image vividly: graves will be opened, and we will rise from them. That is only the beginning, though. God will settle us in our land by putting his Spirit within us.

Have you already died, buried in a grave of apathy, disillusionment, or sinfulness? Have you allowed a negative attitude to cut you off from God? If so, you have dug your grave. The first reading reminds us that God's Spirit is in us that we might live; and we are not just to live, but "settle" in the land of the living.

We who have been baptized carry within us the Spirit of Christ, as St. Paul reminds us in the second reading, and

therefore have life—Christ's life—dwelling in us. That is a reminder that we are sustained by our baptismal graces throughout our ups and downs, our joys and our failings. We do not need to remain in the graves we have dug. When we are open to the Spirit of God dwelling in us, we can take part in the new life that Christ offers.

Belief in Jesus as the resurrection and the life is at the heart of today's Gospel. In the dialogue between Jesus and Martha, Jesus states, "Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." Martha, Mary, and Lazarus had lived the life of the Spirit of God. Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead, then, is an affirmation that the grave had no power over a life lived in the Spirit.

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Barbara Chapel

Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday: 8 a.m.

St. Barbara Church

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 6 a.m./9:30 a.m.

Indonesian: 2nd Sunday: 11:30 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

First Saturday Healing Mass

St. Barbara Chapel: 8 a.m.

The Rosary

Sunday 5:30 a.m. Before 6 a.m. Mass

St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8 a.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Cantonese: 1st Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Mandarin: 2nd Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (TBA)

4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

Mondays with Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4-5 p.m. Rosary and 5-6 p.m. Holy Hour

First Friday Holy Hour: After the 8 a.m. Mass



Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Barbara Worship Site

Saturday, March 16th | Vigil | Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven
by Kisielente Family
+ Cita Orendain by Pam & Dan Spano

Sunday, March 17th | Fifth Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. + Theresa Ryndak by Pulaski Savings Bank
+ Ronald Kopke, Jr., Bernadette Noonan,
"James Boodie" Bertucci, Louis Phillips, Sam
Scalise, Deceased Members of the Ropke/
Bertucci, Noonan/Sinople, Bertucci/ Versetto,
Phillips/ Pacente, Scalise/ Frierie Families,
Frances Sabbia & all Deceased Members of the
Sabbia & Tadin Families by Janet Ropke

9:30 a.m. + Teresita Holcomb by King Family
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family

Tuesday, March 19th | Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. + Joe D'Amico by Joe & Rena
+ Dominic Barbaro by Barbaro Family

Thursday, March 21st | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors and Parishioners

Saturday, March 23rd | Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Remembrance

Saturday, March 23rd | Vigil | Palm Sunday

5:00 p.m. Mercy for All Forgotten Souls by Dominic Barbaro

Sunday, March 24th | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

6:00 a.m. + Theresa Ryndak by Pulaski Savings Bank
+ Ronald Kopke, Jr., Bernadette Noonan,
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+ Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family



St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish
invites you to join our Family Masses
each month for a blessing for those
celebrating their
Catholic wedding anniversary.

2nd Sundays at St. Barbara 9:30am Mass
3rd Sundays at St. Therese 10:30am Mass

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, March 17th | Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. + Louis Phillips by Marion Roti
+ Farlen Lee by Hubert & Kathleen Chan
+ Cita Orendain by daughters Nicole & Simone

10:30 a.m. Health Blessings for Jian GuoXin by Jean Wu
+ Cita Orendain by Edy & Lisa Gunawan
+ Jenping J. Chan by Darlene
+ Larry Kirwan by Darlene
+ Marilyn Leung by Ricky Yong
+ Fernando Galang, Jr. by Katharina & Budi
+ Errol Joseph Pinto by Budi & Katharina

Monday, March 18th | Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. + Charles Palumbo by Rosetta Palumbo
+ Cita Orendain by daughters Nicole & Simone

Wednesday, March 20th | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Cita Orendain by daughters Nicole & Simone

Friday, March 22nd | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors and Parishioners

***"I used to believe that prayer
changes things, but now I know
that prayer changes us, and we
change things."** ~ St. Mother Teresa*



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Deborah Annoreno**, whose funeral mass was this past Friday at St. Therese. May she rest in peace!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara—Saturday, March 23rd

5p.m. Lectors: E. Kroner, W. Podrazik

Eucharistic Minister: C. Sokolowski

Sunday, March 24th:

6a.m. Lector: J. Bertucci

Eucharistic Minister: G. Vanderford

9:30 a.m. Lectors: S. K. McNulty, K. Ricci

Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski

St. Therese - Sunday, March 24th:

8:00a.m Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe

Lectors: Rose Marie, Nora

St. Michael Ministry:

10:30a.m Greeters: C. Lee, J. Yee, D. Lowe

Lectors: Vivian, Ray, Chris

Eucharistic Ministers: Edy (Altar) Jade (Choir)

St. Michael Ministry: Cam

THANKS

Thanks to all who helped with our family mass last Sunday. Our students did a great job leading us in prayers and liturgical services. Special thanks to **Judy Lukwinski and Jane Fockler** for providing delicious coffee and healthy fruits for the reception afterwards. Judy and Jane have graciously taken on the responsibility of hosting the monthly hospitality after our Family Mass. We invite you to plan to join us at the next month's family mass and reception. What a great opportunity to connect and re-connect with your fellow parishioners and friends!



Thanks to all who helped with our Easter mailing: **Dolores Becatti, Bette Pienta, Jane Fockler, Joe Delfin, Jing Zhang and Sr. Kathy McNulty**. They generously donated their time and labor to make this year's Easter mailing go smoothly. More im-

portantly, they had fun working with each other on this project.

Let's continue to pray for our catechumens as they celebrate the 3rd Scrutiny this Sunday. May the Lord continue to guide them on their journey toward Easter.

Peace ~Fr. Francis

THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 18

Traps for Kindness

Even though Jesus was without sin, he did not condemn. How much more should we, with our failings and shortcomings, follow his example and offer a kind word instead of judgement. As we live these final days of Lent, let us practice kindness by complimenting others and refraining from critical words. *Today's readings: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; John 8:1-11.*

Tuesday, March 19

Feast of St. Joseph

"It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world, but through the righteousness that comes from faith," we hear in today's reading from Romans. The phrase "righteousness from faith" personifies St. Joseph, who was inclined to quietly divorce the pregnant Mary but followed the angel's instruction and took her into his home. Have you considered looking to St. Joseph as a model of faith? *Today's readings: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a.*



Fr. Francis Li
PASTOR

Wednesday, March 20

Becoming Better

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his listeners that to be his disciples, they are to remain in his Word. Only by remaining in his Word will they know the truth and be set free from sin. Reading and meditating on Scripture is a regular practice of many to come closer to God during Lent. During your prayer time, ponder how you act out your discipleship. Are the people that you encounter aware that you are a Christian by the way you live? *Today's readings: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Psalm: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31-42.*

Thursday, March 21

Beyond Imagination

Abraham surely never imagined that God would come to him to make a covenant. It is beyond imagination that God would come to make "an everlasting pact." Yet God promised the childless Abraham that he would be "the father of a host of nations." God has a plan for each of us too. In the Gospel, we hear, "Whoever keeps my word will never see death." To keep God's Word is the work of each disciple. For that work, the reward is eternal life. *Today's readings: Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 8:51-59.*

Friday, March 22

Do You Believe?

In the first reading, we hear the prophet Jeremiah say, "All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine." Jesus, too, knew that people who practiced their religion looked for reasons to arrest or stone him. Reminding them of the Father's good works he had performed, he asked, "For which of these are you trying to stone me?" In the world today, who is being punished for their good works? How do you recognize the work and action of Jesus around you? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 10:31-42.*

Saturday, March 23

All Praise to God

As we stand at the precipice of Holy Week, reflect on a time in your life when you turned away from God. Perhaps you felt persecuted or ashamed of your relationship with God. Many young people face this problem; they hide their faith because it is unpopular, yet our faith in God is not about popularity. How can we be examples of hope to the younger generation? How can you turn a tense moment into an opportunity to share God's love and mercy? *Today's readings: Ezekiel 37:21-28; Psalm: Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; John 11:45-56.*





& Triduum 2024 Updated

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven... for the life of the world" (John 6: 51).

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm

March 22 –Living Stations with our Students at St. Barbara

CRS Rice Bowl---Return bowls on March 16-17 and 23-24

OCIA *Scrutiny Rites will be celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. The 3rd is on Sunday, March 17th at 10:30am mass.

English Alpha---Sat. March 16th 6pm after the 5pm mass at St. Barbara

Family Mass---10:30am on Sunday, March 17th led by Religious Education Students

Missionary Disciple Meeting---11:45am at St. Therese Community Room

St. Barbara Campus Mass and Reconciliation---8am on Tuesday, March 19th

St. Therese School Visioning Session---6:30pm on Wed. March 20th at St. Mother Teresa Hall

St. Therese Campus Mass and Reconciliation---8am on Friday, March 22nd

1st Reconciliation ---Saturday, March 23rd at 10am at St. Therese

Living Well Speaker Series---6: 30pm on Saturday, March 23rd at St. Mother Teresa Hall

Mandarin Mass and Faith Sharing---12:30pm on Sunday, March 24th

Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School Students: Friday, March 22 at 7pm at St. Barbara; 9:15am on Sunday, March 24th at St. Therese

Decoration of St. Barbara Church for Holy Thursday---6:30pm on Wed. March 27

Holy Thursday, March 28th---7pm Mass at St. Barbara followed by Visitation of the Churches. St. Barbara Church will be open until midnight for adoration and visitation.

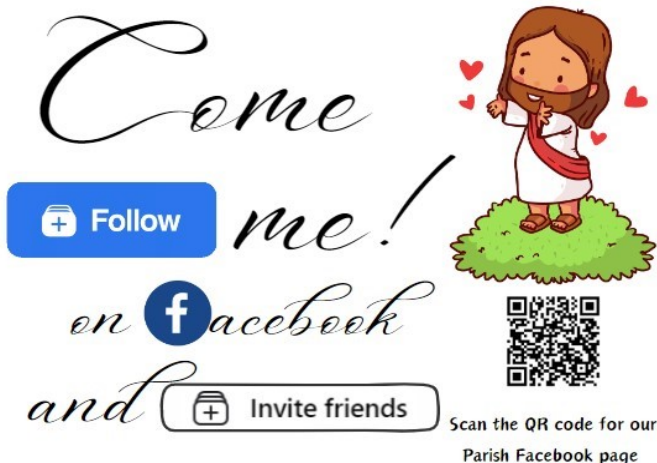
Good Friday, March 29th---3pm Stations of the Cross and 7pm Holy Communion and Veneration of the Cross at St. Barbara. There will be a collection for Holy Land.

Holy Saturday, March 30th---10am Decoration of the Churches; 11:30am Blessing of Easter Baskets at St. Barbara and 7:30pm Mass with Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at St. Therese.

Easter Sunday---6:00am and 9:30am masses at St. Barbara & 8am and 10:30am masses at St. Therese & Breakfast with Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt will take place after the 10:30am mass at St. Therese.

Lenten Regulations (from Feb. 14th, 2024, Ash Wednesday--- the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.



HOLY NAME NEWS

Holy Name Society at St. Barbara extends many Easter Blessings to our community.

The 100 Club winners for March are: 1st Jane 6am, 2nd Bea Glabicki, 3rd Stempinski, 4th Jeff S, 5th Jane 6am. The Society also would like to welcome all men 18 yrs old and up to our next meeting April 12 at 7pm in the mobile unit north parking lot at the St. Barbara worship site. Come and enjoy the company of other men of the community and a delicious meal prepared by our own Chef Jeff.

English Alpha scheduled for Saturday March 16th is cancelled. Please pray for Roberto who had an eye procedure recently. Our next English Alpha will be on Saturday April 20th.

Need A Tax Letter?

Tax letters can be obtained by contacting our parish offices at 312-842-7979 or 312-842-6777.

MY REFLECTION ON OUR PARISH FAMILY by Roberta Cheong

One day, I was praying my morning prayers when the Holy Spirit suddenly inspired me to pray this every day: "That all of our relationships with people on Earth mimic the relationship of the saints in Heaven." 8 weeks later, the Holy Spirit led me to contemplate more on those words and on the dynamics of my home parish (you!). Here is my attempt at describing it.

There is a uniquely deep love, respect, and trust that we have for one another. It is a spiritual bond that is mutually understood and felt. We watch each other put our faith into practice and grow in love for the Lord, in holiness, in reverence, and in the virtues. We inspire and learn from each other how to be holy and how to live in charity. We challenge one another to not be mediocre or lukewarm, but to take our faith seriously and to be on fire for the Lord. We show each other how to love God more, how to live the Gospel better, how to evangelize, and how to love all people. We grow as one in our faith as we listen to the Word of God together.

We are the lights in the world, yet we all draw our light from One candle—Jesus Christ. We go out and bring Christ to the world, yet we unite at the table of the Lamb to receive Christ together. What we share with the world, we first received from the original source (God) at our home parish.

Individually, we use our own God-given gifts and talents, time, and resources to serve God and His Church, yet we are united because we serve together for the same purpose—to glorify God. We give generously, but not just because we love God, it's because we love this parish we call "home." We all contribute and care for this home as our very own. All of our prayers, gifts, efforts, and sufferings are collectively combined with the sacrificial offering of Jesus Christ on the cross into ONE OFFERING to God Our Father.

We are devoted to this home and our parish family has a very special place in our hearts. Even when we go on vacation or move away temporarily, we always know that this is our home and that we are always welcome here, because this is where we belong as a child of God—in God's house. For this is the precious gift we received at our Baptism. We received not only forgiveness of Original Sin, but a whole new identity, because it was then that we became adopted sons and daughters of God and brothers and sisters to each other. We were baptized INTO God's family with God as our Father.

It is our relationship with God that makes us related to each other. We are related by blood, not by biological blood, but by drinking the blood of the Lamb sacrificed for us all—Jesus Christ.

In God's house, I consider the place where we celebrate Mass as the dining room and the place where we sometimes gather after Mass (the Community Room) as the living room. We feel comfortable and at ease here. In many ways, we are a family.

We care deeply about each other and will the good of the other. We grow up and grow old together. We pray for one another and have Masses said for each other. We encourage, support, and build each other up. We laugh together, play with each other, and share jokes with one another. We rejoice together on feast days and enjoy meals made with love. We celebrate each other's good news and mourn with those mourning. We help each other out and carry one another's crosses.

Though we may not speak to everyone we see every Sunday, we are happy and excited to see each other. Simply being together every week to worship God encourages us to remain faithful to Christ and His Church. When even one member of the parish is absent from Mass, they are missed and their absence is felt by all. When there are misunderstandings or offenses among us, at the end of the day, we remember that we are brothers and sisters in Christ and all offenses are then quickly forgiven and forgotten. We don't return wrong for wrong. We heal relationships by humbling ourselves and loving on the other person.

We remember that we are all sinners striving to become saints and that sometimes we make mistakes. Sometimes we witness each other being unkind, losing our patience, being selfish, losing our peace, or sinning, but these are precisely the reasons why we need God and why we come to Mass every Sunday. It's because we're not yet perfect in holiness, and we know that the Church is a hospital for sinners and that Christ is our physician.

When we differ in views and opinions, we intentionally try to live in harmony and peace with one another. We remember that we are one family in God, one Body, drinking the Blood of Christ from the very same cup, partaking in the very same Eucharist, and what endures forever is our deep unconditional love for God and for each other.

No one is in Heaven alone. If the Church on Earth is supposed to resemble the family of saints in Heaven, then I think our parish here is the perfect training ground to prepare us for family life in Heaven.

This is why it is so important to not only have a personal relationship with God, but also to belong to a church that you can call HOME.

WEEKLY COLLECTION—MARCH 10, 2024

St. Barbara

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 793.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 589.00
Give Central	\$ 399.00
Total Collection	\$ 1,781.00

YTD Weekly

Actual	\$ 75,464.00	\$ 1,781.00
Goal	\$ 99,900.00	\$ 2,700.00
% of Goal	76%	66%

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St. Therese

\$ 1,248.00
\$ 623.00
\$ 560.00
\$ 2,411.00

YTD Weekly

\$ 79,380.00	\$ 2,411.00
\$ 99,900.00	\$ 2,700.00
79%	89%

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Please pray for those who are ill, homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers.

Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Angeleo Alonzo, Amy Averet, Kimberly Babe, Geraldine Baldwin, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Jeff Bowman, Andrea Brongiel, Mary Camarda, Anthony Capone Sr., Laverne Connolly, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Henry Diaz De Leon, Kathy Egle, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Paul Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Bernadette Glabicki, Ed Glos, Pat Grieco, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Kellar Harris, Jasmine Henson, Barbara Herr, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Maryann Januszewski, Chester Jendryczka, Dr. Joe, Rose Kisielowski, Anna Kolendo, Christine Krupa, Craig Labudda, Sunny Labudda, Baby Kinsley Paige Leschinsky, Kiera Litwin, Barbara Lokey, Lenny Loretto, Richard Lyznicki, Nancy Mallory, John Mangan, Kayle Marth, Paul Martinez, Bill Marczuk, Zena Masi, Maria Mawgwi, Lil' Joe Michalak, Cindy Moore, Dr. Mike, Tony Mrgan, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petruck, Theresa Pickens, Dolores Pienta, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Megan Pirelli, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Maria Saludo, Kennedy Shepski, Anthony Sinople, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stronczek, Rose Stronczek, Shirley Synal, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, Christine Vanderford, George Vanderford Sr., George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Joyce Vogt, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, Barbara Webb, Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Evelyn Zaleski, Virginia Zawacki, Al Zipf,

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*****Please review the above Prayer List to identify if there is a name that should be removed OR inform us if there is someone that needs to be added. Please call the rectory to make changes. Thank YOU!**

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Sacramental

Please contact parish office for any of the following:

Baptisms: Parents must be registered practicing parishioner and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled.

Communion Calls: Please contact the Rectory when someone who is homebound or in the hospital wishes a visit to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone seriously sick and not only for those near death.

Confessions: Saturdays, 4:15-4:45 p.m. at St. Barbara Church or by appointment.

Ministry of Care: Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to those who are sick and unable to attend Mass.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith.

Weddings: Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance. Couples are reminded to secure the Church date before the reception hall.

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GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD by Fr. John Cuff

Why does the Church in the middle of the penitential season of Lent invite us to rejoice? Here's an incident that took place in Mainz, Germany in 1456, when Gutenberg was printing the first printed Bible: He had a daughter, Alice, who came into the printing press one day and picked up a torn-off strip of paper off the floor with only one line of print on it which read: "**God loved the world so much that he gave...**" Now these were the troubled times of the Reformation, with Catholics and Protestants calling down fire and brimstone down upon each other, and popular religion seen as a matter of living in fear and trembling before a stern and wrathful God. In any event, Alice put the paper in her pocket and kept on thinking of the fact of God being so loving, and her face radiated with joy. Her mother noticed her changed behavior and asked Alice what was making her so happy. Alice showed her mother the piece of paper. Her mother looked at it for some time and said, "Mm, so I wonder what God gave?" "I don't know," said Alice, "but don't you see? If God loves us enough to give us something, then that shows He loves us and we needn't be afraid of Him."

What is love? What does it mean to say God loves us? The Greek language has three words for love while English has only one. In Greek there's (1) **eros**, or romantic love like that between a man and a woman which leads to marriage, (2) **philia**, or fellowship love, like the love for football which brings people together to form fan clubs, and (3) **agape**, or sacrificial love, such as the love that makes a mother risk her own life for her yet unborn child. In romantic love we long to receive, in fellowship love we long to share, in sacrificial love we long to give. Now God loves us with agape, or sacrificial love: "God so loved the world that He gave." That's the big difference between God and us: God gives and forgives, we get and forget. Giving is the sign of agapē. It is the kind of love God has for us, the kind of love we should have for one another, the kind of love that is lived in heaven. And where this kind of love is absent, what you get is hell.

The Church invites us to reflect on God's love for the world and be joyful because of it. God loves each and every one of us so much that He gave us His only Son. Today we're invited to say yes to God's love. Yes, it's sometimes hard to believe God loves even me, but I believe so because I know that God loves totally and unconditionally; no ifs, ands, or buts. Thus, we can love God back and enter into a love relationship with Him. Then, like little Alice, our faces will radiate the joy of God's love. Then we shall learn to share God's love with those around us, and learn to give to God and to one another, just as God gave to us.



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