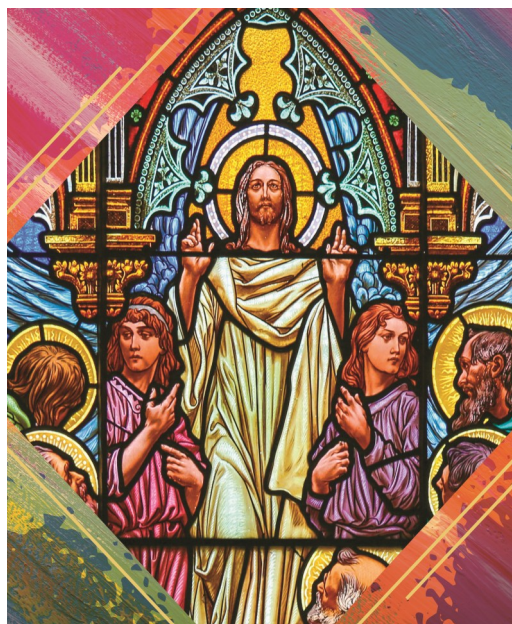


SIXTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you,
whoever is angry
with his brother,
will be liable
to judgment."

Matthew 5:22a

FEBRUARY 15, 2026



SEXTO DOMINGO
DEL
TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Yo les digo:
todo el que se enoje
con su hermano,
será llevado también
ante el tribunal."

Mateo 5, 22

15 DE FEBRERO DE 2026



Saint Brigid's
Church



StBrigidsAmherst



saintbrigidsamherst@gmail.com

413-256-6181 (Phone & Fax)

<https://www.saintbrigidsamherst.org>

CHURCH & RECTORY

122 North Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 01002

PARISH OFFICE, MAILING ADDRESS & PASTORAL CENTER

43 North Prospect St., Amherst, MA 01002

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 am–2:00 pm

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAYS: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 12:15 pm at the Newman Center

WEEKENDS: Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

12:30 pm (Español)

AFRICAN NIGHTS: 1st Sunday of the Month 4:30 pm**

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 pm or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

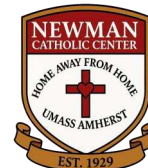
Thursday 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 pm

Spanish Holy Hour (Hora Santa Español) 5:00-6:00 pm

Benediction 6:00 pm

Church is opened Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:00 pm



Newman
Catholic Center



NewmanUmass



newmansecretary@diospringfield.org

413-549-0300

<https://www.newmanumass.org>

BUILDING HOURS**

111 Thatcher Rd., Amherst, MA 01003

Sunday-Thursday 8:00 am to 10:30 pm

Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

During Academic Breaks

Sunday-Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAYS: Monday-Wednesday 5:30 pm**

Thursday 8:00 am at St. Brigid Parish

Friday 12:15 pm

Saturday 9:00 am

WEEKENDS:

Sunday 10:30 am and 7:00 pm**

CONFESSIONS: By Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

1st Friday of the Month

after the 12:15 pm Mass until the Saturday 9am Mass

(**during academic year only)

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WEEKLY EVENTS @ AMHERST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (SB)

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER (NCC)

SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY 3:00-3:30 (SB) * BY APPOINTMENT (SB & NCC)

Monday, February 16

07:30 am – Rosary recited (SB)

08:00 am – Mass (SB)

05:30 pm – Mass (NCC)

06:30 pm – Student's Women's Night (NCC)

Tuesday, February 17

07:30 am – Rosary recited (SB)

08:00 am – Mass (SB)

05:30 pm – Mass (NCC)

07:00 pm – Women of Faith Group (NCC)

07:00 pm – Student's Men's Night (NCC)

Wednesday, February 18—ASH WEDNESDAY

07:30 am – Rosary recited (SB)

08:00 am – Mass (SB)

10:00 am – Ash Service (NCC)

12:15 pm – Ash Service (NCC)

03:00 pm – Ash Service (NCC)

05:30 pm – Mass (NCC)

07:00 pm – Ash Service (SB)

08:30 pm – Ash Service (NCC)

Thursday, February 19

07:30 am – Rosary recited (SB)

08:00 am – Mass (SB)

08:30 am – 05:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (SB)

10:30 am – Communion Service (Center for Extended Care)

03:00 pm – Chaplet of Divine Mercy (SB)

05:00 pm – Holy Hour (SB) - Spanish (Hora Santa-Español)

06:00 pm – Benediction (SB)

06:15 pm – African Choir Rehearsal (SB-Library)

Friday, February 20

12:15 pm – Mass (NCC)

03:00 pm – Chaplet of Divine Mercy (NCC)

06:00 pm – Stations of the Cross—*Via Crucis* (SB)

Saturday, February 21

09:00 am – Mass (NCC)

04:30 pm – Mass (SB) **First Sunday of Lent (Vigil)**

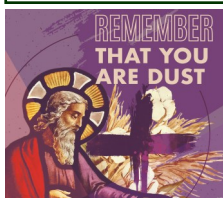
Sunday, February 22—First Sunday of Lent

08:00 am – Mass (SB)

10:30 am – Mass (NCC)

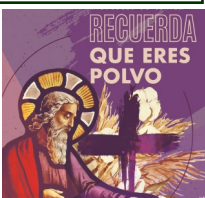
12:30 pm – Mass (SB) Español

07:00 pm – Mass (NCC)



FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday
Miércoles de Ceniza



SAINT BRIGID'S WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Budget — \$4,800.00

February 8, 2026—\$1,540.48

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AMHERST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH - NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER

SB

NCC

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

NCC 09:00 am For the repose of the souls of the Doonan Family

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

SB 04:30 pm +Cinda McKinney

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SB 08:00 am For all the Deacons in our Diocese

NCC 10:30 am +Emily M. Belt

SB 12:30 pm +Mirian Del Carmen Ramírez

NCC 07:00 pm +Fr. Donald LaPointe

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

SB 08:00 am +Alfred & Henrietta LaVerdiere

NCC 05:30 pm For the repose of the souls of the Doonan Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

SB 08:00 am +Frank & Kathryn Basile

NCC 05:30 pm +Toma Nguyen Trung Thanh

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18—ASH WEDNESDAY

SB 08:00 am +Sr María Milagros de la Eucaristía

NCC 05:30 pm For the repose of the souls of the Doonan Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

SB 08:00 am For peace in the World

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

NCC 12:15 pm +Medard Le

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

NCC 09:00 am For the repose of the souls of the Doonan Family

First Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

SB 04:30 pm +Emily M. Belt

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SB 08:00 am +Rev. Lionel Edward Bonneville

NCC 10:30 am For the repose of the souls of the Doonan Family

SB 12:30 pm +María Jesús Pizha Saruma

NCC 07:00 pm +Anna Nguyen Thi Phan

PLEASE CALL ST BRIGID'S AND NEWMAN'S OFFICES,
TO OFFER A MASS INTENTION FOR YOUR LOVED ONES.

THE SUGGESTED MASS STIPEND IS \$15.

YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

NEWMAN'S WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

February 8, 2026—\$1,302.00

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For more information,
please call the Newman Catholic Center.



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MORE THAN ROSES AND CARDS

In today's Gospel, Jesus raises the bar. He tells us that living God's commandments is not just about avoiding sin, but about transforming the heart. It is not enough to say, "*I did nothing wrong.*" Christ invites us to ask, "*Have I loved well?*" Nowhere is this more challenging, and more beautiful, than in the call to **love and forgiveness**.

As we celebrate **St. Valentine's Day Weekend**, we often think of love as romance, affection, sharing roses and cards and happy moments. All of that is good. But Christian love, especially in **marriage and family life**, goes deeper. It includes patience, mercy, and the courage to forgive, sometimes over and over again. Jesus speaks directly to this when He warns against anger, resentment, and hardened hearts. Unforgiveness may not make headlines, but it quietly poisons relationships. Love lived through forgiveness, on the other hand, heals what pride cannot fix.

Very close married friends of mine once had a falling out over a misunderstanding which led to their separation. After some years had passed and silence grew heavier than the original offense, one day, one of them finally said, "*I'm tired of carrying this.*" They reached out, not to prove they were right, but to restore their marriage. When they met, both realized that what had separated them was small, but what had been lost was great. Forgiveness did not erase the past, but it gave them back their love, marriage and future. This is the power of forgiveness: it frees not only the one who is forgiven, but the one who forgives.

In marriage, forgiveness is not a weakness; it is a strength. Love that lasts is not love without wounds, it is love that knows how to heal. The commandments of God, especially the command to love, are not meant to restrict us. They are meant to protect what is sacred. They are more than roses and cards.

So, as we honor St. Valentine, let us ask for the grace to love as Christ loves: with truth, patience, and mercy. May our homes, marriages, friendships, and parish be places where forgiveness is practiced and love grows stronger.

Fr. Val ❤️

Hymns for the Weekend Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pro: I Sing the Mighty Power of God - 434

Off: Ubi Caritas - 401

Comm: Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All - 678

Rec: O God, Our Help in Ages - 440

To read more about the history and meaning of this hymn, please see below.

♪ Hymn Spotlight ♪

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past," by the great hymns Isaac Watts (1674-1748), is a paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-5. It's tune, St. Anne, dates to 1708. Source - *The Hymnal 1940 Companion*

♫ GREGORIAN CHANT LESSONS ♫

with our Music Director

MICHAEL McLAUGHLIN

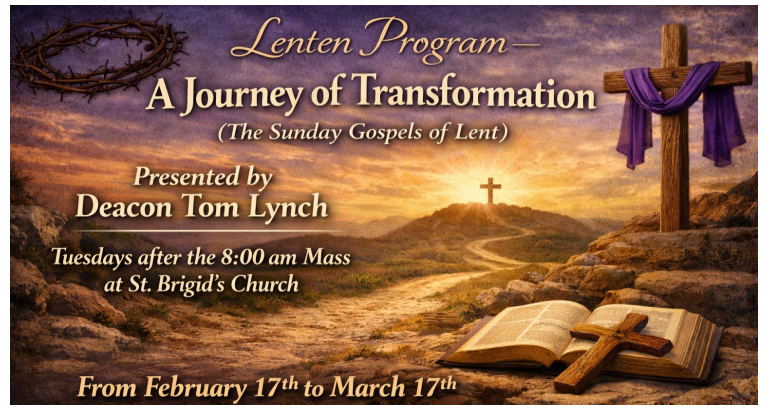
Thursdays • 5:30 PM

Portas Lounge

Newman Catholic Center

Open to all — students & parishioners welcome.

Lift your voice in prayer through sacred song.



Lenten Program —
A Journey of Transformation
(The Sunday Gospels of Lent)

Presented by
Deacon Tom Lynch

Tuesdays after the 8:00 am Mass
at St. Brigid's Church

From February 17th to March 17th

Ash Wednesday Liturgical Celebrations

08:00 am – Mass (SB)

10:00 am – Ash Service (NCC)

12:15 pm – Ash Service (NCC)

03:00 pm – Ash Service (NCC)

05:30 pm – Mass (NCC)

07:00 pm – Ash Service (SB)

08:30 pm – Ash Service (NCC).

(SB) St. Brigid's Parish; (NCC) Newman Center

February 18



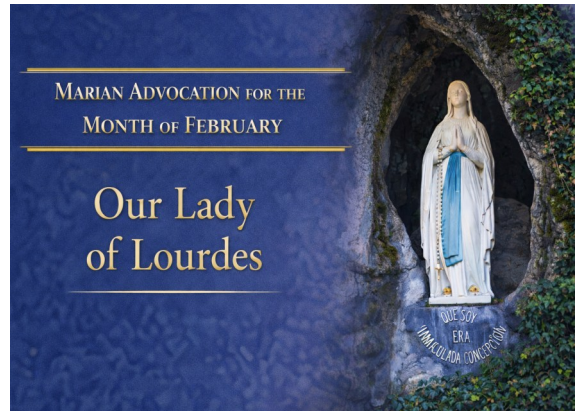
Lenten Soup and Stations

St. Brigid's Church, Pastoral Center
43 N Prospect St., Amherst, MA 01002

Fridays @ 6PM (Feb 20th thru Mar 27th)

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm in English & Spanish
Followed by a meal of hot soup & homemade bread in the Parish Center

Sponsored by **FORGE, Catholic Men's Group**, www.ourforge.com
Helping hands are welcome but not required.



MARIAN ADVOCATION FOR THE
MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Our Lady of Lourdes

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD

PROMISE TO PROTECT  **PLEDGE TO HEAL**

ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC CHURCH **NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER**



Eucharistic Adoration * Adoración Eucarística

"I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament."
Jesus speaking to St Margaret Mary Alacoque

«Tengo una sed ardiente de ser honrado por los hombres en el Santísimo Sacramento».
Jesús hablando a Santa Margarita María Alacoque

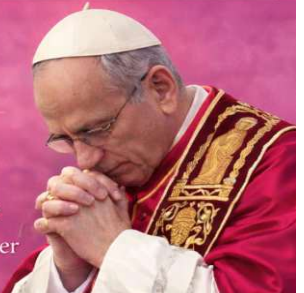
Thursdays 8:30 am—6:00pm
St. Brigid Parish
***First Friday of the Month**
after 5:30 pm Mass
Newman Catholic Center
*(*during academic year only)*

Jueves 8:30 am—6:00 pm
Parroquia Santa Brígida
Hora Santa Español 5—6pm
***Primer Viernes del Mes**
después Misa 5:30 pm
Centro Católico Newman

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION
for the month of February 2026

For children with incurable illnesses

Let us pray that children who suffer from incurable illnesses and their families may receive the medical care and support they need, and may never lose strength and hope.



ST. BRIGID'S PRAYER TREE



ÁRBOL ORACION

Please send in the names of those intentions you would like to pray for, particularly those who are ill, to:

The Prayer Tree prays for the intentions of Pope Leo, those of our Bishop Byrne and our Rev. Fr. Valentine, and the requests from our parish community.

WE ARE ALIVE IN PRAYER!
¡¡¡HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL!!!

✉ brigidsparishprayertree@gmail.com
☎ **413-472-1121**

Coffee Hour

Sunday • February 15, 2026
After the 10:30 am Mass
Newman Catholic Center



Coffee • Fellowship • Community

Everyone is welcome!



Get Involved with the Parish Council!

Interested in making decisions about parish events, activities, and more?
 We invite you to take part in St. Brigid's Parish Council.

We Meet:



First Thursday of every month



7:00 PM



Pastoral Center Library

Breaks for the winter and summer holidays.

For more information or to get involved, please contact:

Kenneth Rath, Council Chairman

✉ krathreer@gmail.com

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD...



Bethlehem House Inc.
 PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Volunteers Needed – Your Help Makes a Difference!

Bethlehem House, a ministry serving new and expecting families, is in desperate need of volunteers, especially on Mondays & Thursdays.

Volunteer Opportunities Available



Secretary (Every Other Week)

- Approximately 4 hours
- You choose the day

No Experience Needed

- ✓ Training will be provided
- ✓ Flexible hours
- ✓ All you need is a heart to serve families in need



Family Assistance Volunteers

- Assist families as they pick up weekly items
- Once a week on Wednesday or Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Preparation & Distribution Support

- Help prepare items for family distribution
- Monday and/or Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon or 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contact Bethlehem House

413-262-8517 413-527-2861

"Serving families. Sharing hope. Living the Gospel."

THE GOLDEN CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Presenter: **Dr. Efosa L. Guobadia**

WHEN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

WHERE: ST. BRIGID PARISH PASTORAL CENTER

43 N PROSPECT ST., AMHERST, MA 01002

Dr. Efosa L. Guobadia will lead a discussion for Catholic men about prayer, structured around Simon Sinek's "Golden Circle" framework—exploring why participants pray, how they pray, and what they pray for. The evening will include reflection questions about transformative prayer experiences or moments of crisis in one's prayer life, with the goal of giving attendees tangible tools and shared wisdom to strengthen their spiritual journeys.



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CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP
WWW.OURFORGE.ORG



**SIXTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME
 FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

**OUR CHILDREN'S
 ACTIVITIES SECTION**

**SEXTO DOMINGO
 DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
 15 DE FEBRERO DE
 2026**

**SECCIÓN DE
 ACTIVIDADES PARA
 NUESTROS NIÑOS**

FAITH FACTS

Psalm 119 is the longest psalm by far in the psalter. It praises God for giving such splendid laws and instruction for people to live by. The poem is an acrostic; its twenty-two stanzas (of eight verses each) are in the order of the Hebrew alphabet. Each of the eight verses within a stanza begins with the same letter. Each verse contains one word for "instruction." The nine words for "instruction" in the translation are: law, edict, command, precept, word, utterance, way, decree and teaching.

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 or call **413-256-6181**



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EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD

HEALING MASS

Please join us for the **February 17th Healing Mass** at the **Basílica of St. Stanislaus B.M.** located at **566 Front St., Chicopee, MA.** We will begin with praise and worship at **6:00 p.m.**, **Rosary at 6:30 p.m.**, **Mass at 7:00 p.m.** immediately followed by prayer overs for healing. Opportunity for confession will be available from **6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** There is also an opportunity for gaining a plenary indulgence. For more information call the **Parish office at 413-594-6669** or the **Disciples of Mary at 413-452-0511.** Hope to see you there.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS (AOH)

AOH invites you on **Saturday, February 28, 2026** at The Log Cabin, for their **Annual Irish Night.** Keohane and Kennealy Irish-American Band will be entertaining; also award winning traditional Irish step-dancing by the Cassin Academy of Irish Dance; and Matt O'Connor of the Springfield Kiltie Band. The doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner served at 6:30pm. Tickets \$50 per person. **Reserve tables by contacting Joe O'Connor at 413-627-7148, or Fran Hennessey at 413-785-5687 prior to February 24th.** Enjoy a traditional corn-beef dinner, to include ribs; valet parking will be available. You also can purchase tickets on-line at <https://www.eventbrite.com>. Proceeds to benefit the Maurice A. Donahue Memorial Scholarship. Awards will be presented to **AOH Man of the Year and LAOH Woman of the Year.**

SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT AT END OF LIFE ELMS SYMPOSIUM

This years Elms Symposium, Spiritual Accompaniment at End of Life: Compassionate Care and Catholic Witness, will take place **Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Guest speakers are Dr. Peter DePergola and Sr. Ginny Maitland SSJ. Admission is free but a free will offering will be accepted. To learn more, **contact Celeste Labbe at c.labbe@diospringfield.org**

I BELIEVE YOUTH RALLY

The **Diocesan Youth Leadership Team** invites all middle and high school teens to the I Believe Youth Rally on **Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 4:00–7:30 PM** at **Pope Francis Preparatory School in Springfield!** Join Bishop William Byrne and everyone's favorite four-legged friend, Zelig the Episcopup, for an evening full of fun, music, prayer, and community. Stick around for the Fun Zone from 7:30–8:30 PM with dinner and snacks included! Register and learn more at westernmassCatholic.org/youthrally.

ANNUAL BANQUET

Massachusetts Citizens for Life invites you to its **Annual Banquet on Thursday, September 25, at 6:00 PM** at the **Newton Marriott (2345 Commonwealth Avenue).** The evening will feature a keynote address by **Riley Gaines, All-American swimmer and SEC Champion**, who speaks boldly for women, human dignity, and the sanctity of life. Early-bird tickets are available through February 28. Learn more and **purchase tickets at MAProLife.org/Banquet.**

Watch full episodes "Real to Reel," & "The Chalice of Salvation," on the Diocesan Youtube Channel!



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PARROQUIA SANTA BRÍGIDA SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO 15 DE FEBRERO DE 2026

ENLACE LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<https://bible.usccb.org/es>



ANUNCIOS SEMANALES

REZO DEL ROSARIO: 7:30 am antes Misa lunes- jueves.
INTENCIONES DE MISA: Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial, para ofrecer una intención de Misa por sus seres queridos (persona fallecida, cumpleaños, aniversario de bodas, acción de gracias, una gracia, bendiciones, salud, cirugía próxima, viaje, o graduación.) Si desea que se publique en el boletín semanal, llame con dos semanas de antelación. El estipendio sugerido es de \$15 por cada Misa su generosa ofrenda será muy apreciada.

FELIGRESES CONFINADOS EN CASA: Si usted o alguien que usted conoce le gustaría estar en nuestra "Lista de feligreses confinados en casa" para una visita mensual, por favor llame a la oficina de la Parroquia o comuníquese con el **Díacono Adalberto—a.santiagomartinez@diospringfield.org.**

INTENCIÓN DE ORACIÓN DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV para el mes de febrero 2026

Por los niños con enfermedades incurables

Oremos para que los niños que padecen enfermedades *incurables* y sus familias reciban la atención médica y el *apoyo* necesario, sin perder nunca la fuerza y la esperanza.



ADVOCACIÓN MARIANA para el mes de febrero

Nuestra Señora de Lourdes



CRS RICE BOWL

WHO IS READY TO
CHANGE LIVES THIS LENT?

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Please take your Rice Bowl home,
and bring it back during Holy Week.



Por favor, lleva tu plato de arroz a casa,
y regrésalo durante Semana Santa.



MÁS QUE ROSAS Y TARJETAS

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús eleva el listón. Nos dice que vivir los mandamientos de Dios no consiste solo en evitar el pecado, sino en transformar el corazón. No basta con decir: «*No he hecho nada malo*». Cristo nos invita a preguntarnos: «¿*He amado bien?*». En ningún otro ámbito es esto más desafiante y más hermoso que en la llamada **al amor y al perdón**.

Al celebrar el **fin de semana de San Valentín**, a menudo pensamos en el amor como romance, afecto, compartir rosas y tarjetas y momentos felices. Todo eso está bien. Pero el amor cristiano, especialmente **en el matrimonio y la vida familiar**, es más profundo. Incluye paciencia, misericordia y el valor de perdonar, a veces una y otra vez. Jesús se refiere directamente a esto cuando advierte contra la ira, el resentimiento y los corazones endurecidos. La falta de perdón puede que no sea noticia, pero envenena silenciosamente las relaciones. El amor vivido a través del perdón, por otro lado, cura lo que el orgullo no puede arreglar.

Unos amigos muy cercanos míos que estaban casados tuvieron una vez una discusión por un malentendido que les llevó a separarse. Después de que pasaran algunos años y el silencio se hiciera más pesado que la ofensa original, un día, uno de ellos finalmente dijo: «*Estoy cansado de cargar con esto*». Se acercaron el uno al otro, no para demostrar que tenían razón, sino para restaurar su matrimonio. Cuando se reunieron, ambos se dieron cuenta de que lo que los había separado era pequeño, pero lo que habían perdido era grande. El perdón no borró el pasado, pero les devolvió su amor, su matrimonio y su futuro. Este es el poder del perdón: libera no solo a quien es perdonado, sino también a quien perdona.

En el matrimonio, el perdón no es una debilidad, sino una fortaleza. El amor que perdura no es un amor sin heridas, sino un amor que sabe sanar. Los mandamientos de Dios, especialmente el mandamiento de amar, no tienen como objetivo restringirnos. Su objetivo es proteger lo que es sagrado. Son más que rosas y tarjetas.

Así que, al honrar a San Valentín, pidamos la gracia de amar como Cristo ama: con verdad, paciencia y misericordia. Que nuestros hogares, matrimonios, amistades y parroquias sean lugares donde se practique el perdón y el amor se fortalezca.

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