



# THE BULLETIN OF ST. PADRE PIO PARISH

FOR GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

**"PRAY, HOPE, AND  
DON'T WORRY!"**



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS /  
CELEBRACIONES LITÚRGICAS

## Monday / Lunes

8:30 AM Mass in English followed by Rosary

## Tuesday / Martes

8:30 AM Mass in English followed by Rosary

## Wednesday / Miércoles

8:30 AM Mass in English followed by Rosary  
6:30 PM Rosary, Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Novena in English

## Thursday / Jueves

8:30 AM Mass in English followed by Rosary

## Friday / Viernes

8:30 AM Mass in English followed by Rosary  
7:00 PM Confessions, Mass & Benediction in English  
(First Friday only)

## Saturday / Sábado

8:30 AM Mass in English followed by Rosary  
5:00 PM Vigil Mass in English  
7:00 PM Vigil Mass in Spanish

## Sunday / Domingo

8:00 AM Mass in English  
9:30 AM Mass in English  
11:00 AM Mass in Spanish  
5:00 PM Mass in Tagalog

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**Third Sunday in Lent - March 7, 2021**

Jesus said,  
“Destroy this temple  
and in three days  
I will raise it up.”

JOHN 2:19



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## THE LAW

Today’s reading from Exodus tells of God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses; this passage is well known to Christians, but it is only the introduction to the entire Mosaic Law, or Torah. The Psalm is a small section of the longest in the Psalter—172 verses—which are generally couplets (two lines) praising the Law as perfect, true, just, right, and so on. The Law is both the source of Jewish identity and the centerpiece of the Jewish intellectual tradition. Paul briefly compares this tradition with those of the Greeks, the two groups in the church at Corinth that were often quarreling. The passage from John’s Gospel shows Jesus’ righteous anger as he chases the moneychangers from the temple. His actions are a sign of Jesus’ own reverence for “my Father’s house,” which in turn reflects his deep appreciation for the Law.

“THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT . . .”

For pious Jews in first-century Palestine, the Mosaic Law prescribed the way every action in life is dedicated to God. Today’s reading from Exodus tells how the Ten Commandments, the introduction to this larger legal code, is given to Israel as a gift from God.

In the Gospels Jesus is portrayed as a rabbi, or someone learned in the Law. A rabbi’s learning ideally included both the precepts of the Law and its reverent contemplation as a divine gift, within which one could hear God’s own voice. This was the way rabbis through the centuries used the Law to adapt to changing circumstances. This seems to be what Jesus was doing with the moneychangers in the temple.

## JESUS, THE LAW, THE JEWS—AND US

When Jesus accused the moneychangers of sacrilege and cleared them out of the temple, the onlookers asked for a sign of his authority to do such a thing. After all, wasn’t it a sacrilege to purchase animals for sacrifice with pagan coins? Wasn’t this how the Jews adapted to Roman rule? Jesus says nothing about that; he only knows that this commercial activity inside the temple was a sacrilege. Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus is criticized for not being strict enough with the Law, as when he ate with prostitutes and tax collectors, but here he is prescribing something stricter, something “more.”

Jesus is doing something extraordinary, contrary to ordinary practice, prompting the onlookers to request a sign, evidence that God is acting here through Jesus. His insistence that the moneychangers depart, his clear vision regarding “my Father’s house,” and his cryptic reference to himself as a temple, are signs of his contemplative intimacy with his Father that is the source of his authority about the Law.

Catholics, like first-century Jews, have our regular means for living in God’s presence. We have the liturgy, sacraments, devotions, and personal prayer. During Lent, we are asked to be a little stricter with ourselves, listening for God’s own voice. If we do, we might discover that we, too, are being called to something “more.”

## TODAY’S READINGS

Exodus 20:1–17 [1–3, 7–8, 12–17]  
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
1 Corinthians 1:22–25  
John 2:13–25

THIRD  
LENT  
SUNDAY OF  
MARCH 7, 2021

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Jesús dijo:  
“Destruyan este templo  
y en tres días  
lo reconstruiré”.

JUAN 2:19



## LA LEY

La lectura del libro del Éxodo de hoy narra cuando Dios le dio a Moisés los Diez Mandamientos; este pasaje es bien conocido por los cristianos, pero solo es la introducción a toda la Ley mosaica o Torá. El salmo es solo una pequeña sección del salmo que más largo, tiene 172 versículos; por lo general siendo cada uno de ellos pares (dos líneas), alaban la Ley como perfecta, verdadera, justa, correcta, etc. La Ley es el origen de la identidad judía y además el centro de la tradición intelectual judía. Pablo compara brevemente esta tradición con la de los griegos, los dos grupos en la iglesia de Corinto que frecuentemente reñían. El pasaje del Evangelio de Juan muestra la justa ira de Jesús mientras expulsa a los cambistas del Templo. Sus acciones son un signo de reverencia de Jesús por “la casa de mi Padre”, lo que a su vez refleja su aprecio profundo por la Ley.

### “LA LEY DEL SEÑOR ES PERFECTA. . .”

Para los judíos piadosos de la Palestina del siglo I, la Ley mosaica prescribía la forma en que cada acción de la vida se dedicaba a Dios. La lectura del libro del Éxodo nos dice cómo los Diez Mandamientos, la introducción a esta Ley amplia, se le da a Israel como un regalo por parte de Dios.

En los evangelios, Jesús es representado como un rabino, o alguien que estudió la Ley. El conocimiento de un rabino idealmente incluía tanto los preceptos de la Ley como su contemplación reverente como regalo de Dios, dentro de la cual uno podía escuchar la propia voz de Dios. Esta era la forma en que los rabinos a través de los siglos utilizaron la Ley para adaptarse a las circunstancias cambiantes. Esto parece ser lo que Jesús estaba haciendo con los cambistas en el Templo.

## JESÚS, LA LEY, LOS JUDÍOS Y NOSOTROS

Cuando Jesús acusó a los cambistas de profanación y los sacó del Templo, los mirones preguntaron con qué autoridad hacia tal cosa. Después de todo, ¿qué no era un sacrilegio comprar animales para los sacrificios y pagar con monedas paganas? ¿No fue así como los judíos adoptaron el mandato romano? Jesús no dice nada acerca de eso, él sólo sabe que ese tipo de comercio dentro del Templo era un sacrilegio. En otras partes del Evangelio a Jesús se le critica por que no es lo suficiente estricto con la Ley, así como cuando come con prostitutas y recaudadores de impuestos, pero aquí está indicando algo “más”.

Jesús está haciendo algo extraordinario, contrario a la practica ordinaria, provocando a los mirones que pidan una señal, una evidencia de que Dios está obrando por medio de Jesús. Su insistencia para que los cambistas se vayan, su visión clara sobre “la casa de mi Padre” y su referencia enigmática a él mismo como un templo, son signos de su intimidad contemplativa con su Padre que es el origen de su autoridad sobre la Ley.

Los católicos, como los judíos del primer siglo, tienen nuestros medios habituales para vivir en la presencia de Dios. Nosotros tenemos la liturgia, los sacramentos, las devociones y la oración personal. Durante la Cuaresma, se nos pide que seamos un poco más estrictos con nosotros mismos, escuchando la propia voz de Dios. Si lo hacemos, podríamos descubrir que nosotros también estamos llamados a algo “más”.

## LECTURAS DE HOY

Exodo 20:1–17 [1–3, 7–8, 12–17]  
Salmo 19 (18):8, 9, 10, 11  
1 Corintios 1:22–25  
Juan 2:13–25

St. Padre Pio Parish / St. Hilary Church  
(Pre-recorded Sunday Mass on Facebook, YouTube & the St. Hilary website)

Weekly Report (fiscal year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)  
Weekend # 34 ( February 20 & 21 )  
Mass attendance goal >1,000 people; actual attendance  
456 people at 6 Masses (snow & slippery road conditions)  
3 English Masses 203 2 Spanish Masses 184 1 Tagalog Mass 69  
584 households received envelopes

	Amount	Families
Collection for the week:		
Regular (using envelopes)	\$ 6,061	116
Loose Cash - 13% of Weekend Offering	\$ 1,280	
Online Giving (Give Central) - 24%	<u>\$ 2,356</u>	38
Total Weekend Giving	\$ 9,697	

Total Weekly Parish Budget:	\$17,645 (tentative)
Weekly Collection Budget:	\$11,824 (tentative)
Weekly Average Collection:	\$ 8,651

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP.  
A LIFE OF GIVING IS A LIFE WITH CHRIST !  
A LIFE OF SERVICE IS A LIFE WITH CHRIST !**



**Teresa & Edgar Jacildo & Family** are the sponsors of the Bread and Wine for next weekend, March 13th & 14th. Their intentions are for Teresa's birthday & in thanksgiving. **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all the donors who have been supporting the Live Stream Fund, the Snow Removal Fund, and the Bread & Wine. Your extra donations are a big help for us! May God multiply your blessings. While we are still short with our budget, every little help counts.

St. Padre Pio Parish / St. Hilary Church  
(Pre-recorded Sunday Mass on Facebook, YouTube & the St. Hilary website)

Weekly Report (fiscal year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)  
Weekend # 35 ( February 27 & 28, 2021 )  
Mass attendance goal >1,000 people; actual attendance  
520 people at 6 Masses  
3 English Masses 228 2 Spanish Masses 223 1 Tagalog Mass 69  
584 households received envelopes

	Amount	Families
Collection for the week:		
Regular (using envelopes)	\$ 8,897	147
Loose Cash - 11% of Weekend Offering	\$ 1,283	
Online (Give Central) - 10%	<u>\$ 1,182</u>	31
Total Weekend Giving	\$ 11,362	

Total Weekly Parish Budget:	\$17,645 (tentative)
Weekly Collection Budget:	\$11,824 (tentative)
Weekly Average Collection:	\$ 8,728

EASTER DONATION	\$ 350
LIVE STREAM FUND	\$ 2,765
SNOW REMOVAL FUND	\$ 550

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**To those who gave additional donations toward the snow removal cost of \$1700 for the 2 parking lots (not including the sidewalks around the Church, School, Gym & Rectory),**  
**THANK YOU!**

**Also, to those who sent a special donation for the new livestreaming equipment needed to make our Masses more accessible to people online,**  
**THANK YOU !**



**Monday, March 8**

**Tuesday, March 9**

7-8:30 PM Rosa Mistica (Rectory Lower Level)

**Wednesday, March 10**

6:30-8:30 PM Rosary, Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena (Church)

**Thursday, March 11**

7-8 PM Spanish Charismatic Renewal (Church)

**Friday, March 12**

7-8 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 13**

4-4:45 PM Reconciliation - Individual Confessions

**Set Clocks Ahead**



Sunday, March 14, 2021, **2:00:00 am** clocks should be moved **forward 1 hour** to Sunday, March 14, 2021, **3:00:00 am** local daylight time.

**Sunday, March 14**



All powerful God,  
Whose mercy is never withheld  
from those who call upon You in hope,  
look kindly on Your servants

**JULIA McDONAGH &  
TERRENCE "TERRY" O'BRIEN**

who departed this life confessing Your name  
and number them among Your saints  
forevermore.

## Cardinal Cupich reflects on milestone of 500,000 COVID deaths

Those who keep such statistics have confirmed the U.S. death toll from the COVID-19 pandemic has reached 500,000. The true number is surely higher, making all of this too difficult to comprehend. We would do better imagining those lost as individual human beings, a mother, a father, a brother, a sister, a daughter, a son, each connected to many others who suffer the heartache of their passing. How can we help those left behind cope with their grief? How can we transform our own dismay and fear into action?

First, we turn to God, our creator, the One who is always with us, the One who inspires discovery in those seeking preventives and treatments, the One who stirs compassion in those who heal, teach and feed their neighbors and the One who comforts the bereaved by walking alongside them in silence to bear their pain.

Yet, we need to complete our prayer with bold action. So, let us do one thing each day in memory of these pandemic victims. Call someone living in isolation. Support and volunteer at organizations that feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, protect the vulnerable and visit the imprisoned. Honor these members of our human family and the sacred dignity of all human life by doing our part to break the back of this contagion: wear a mask, keep your distance and avoid gatherings. That is the least we can do. And, for God's sake and our own take the COVID vaccine to protect your and everyone's life.

Do not let a day go by without a prayer of remembrance for the millions across the globe already lost, and a prayer of gratitude for your life, all the while making a promise to live it with greater integrity and honor.



**Please remember in your prayers** those in the hospital or recovering at home, those suffering with a terminal illness, our shut-ins and those in nursing homes, our relatives and friends who are ill, especially:  
**Dina Nicolini, Dcn. Don Wehling, Donna Kunicki, Giovanni Mangone, Theresa & Catherine Kim, Lou Bradley, Fe Prego, Karen Warner, Imelda Birruete Pena, Erika Vrabel, Patricia Matteson-Lowery**

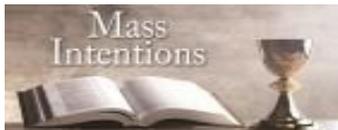
**Also, Please Remember Our Troops In Your Prayers.**



**Urgent Action Needed To Prevent  
Taxpayer Funding For Abortion in COVID Relief Bill**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has urged contacting one's representatives in Congress to prevent taxpayer funding for abortion included in the COVID relief bill.

To send this message easily to your Congressional representatives and for more information including a link to the bishop's letter to Congress go to [votersvoice.net/USCCB](http://votersvoice.net/USCCB).



**Monday, March 8  
St. John of God, religious**

8:30 AM † Miriam Hevia Mayol (Death Anniv) by Daughter

**Tuesday, March 9  
St. Frances of Rome, religious**

8:30 AM † Francisca Basa by Luis Afable Lunario

**Wednesday, March 10  
Weekday**

8:30 AM † Ruben Saldana by Family  
\* Spec Inten for Jon & Carele Voigt  
(Wedding Anniv) by Terry & Carmen Buquiz  
6:30-8:30 PM Rosary, Mass & OLPH Novena

**Thursday, March 11  
Weekday**

8:30 AM † Robert Miller by the Mary Lou Miller Family  
† Pacifico Umali (40th Day Death Anniv)  
by the Umali Family

**Friday, March 12  
Weekday**

8:30 AM † Recently Deceased Former  
Parishioners - Chris McDermott,  
Julia McDonagh, Sarah Flynn &  
Terry O'Brien

**Saturday, March 13  
Weekday**

8:30 AM † For Our Parents - Dominico (Hoang Tran) & Maria  
(Men Pham)  
† Adriano Aziyu (11th Death Anniv) by Sylvia Aziyu

**Vigil: 4th Sunday in Lent**

5:00 PM † George A. Brink by the Brink Family  
† Mary Mikkelsen & Peter Mikkelsen by Bob  
7:00 PM † Ricardo Alanis Camacho  
by Guadalupe Ramirez Alanis

**Sunday, March 14  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

8:00 AM † Iluminado H. Celestino by Monina Leuterio  
9:30 AM † Purita Yu (1st Death Anniv) by Jennifer Yu  
11:00 AM \* For All Our Children  
5:00 PM \* For Our Elderly who are Sick & Alone

When you are unable to receive Holy Communion sacramentally, say the following prayer:



**An Act of  
Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this time receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Cuando usted no pueda recibir la Santa Comunion Sacramentalmente, puede hacerlo Espiritualmente diciendo el

**Acto de  
Comunion Espiritual**

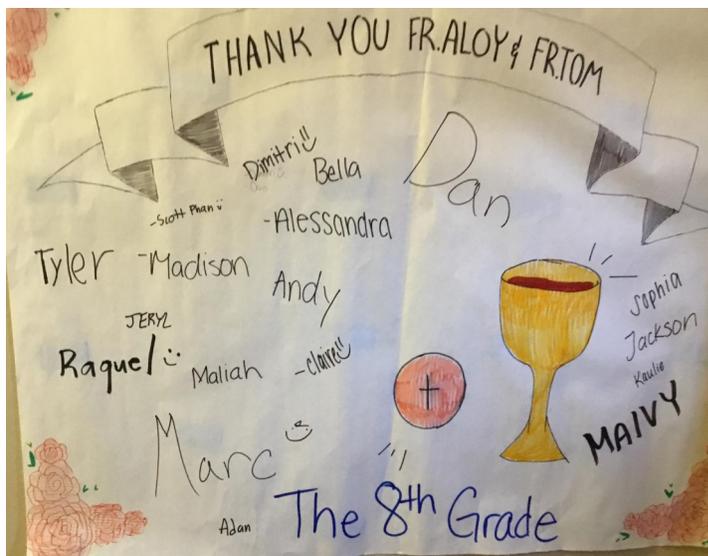
Creo, Señor mío que éstas realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del altar.

Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo ardientemente recibirte dentro de mi alma;

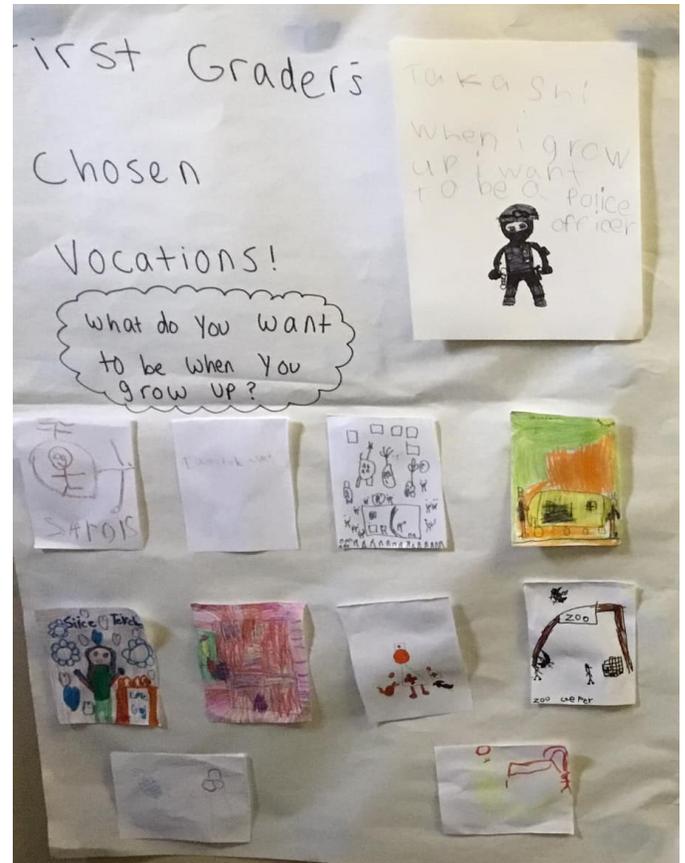
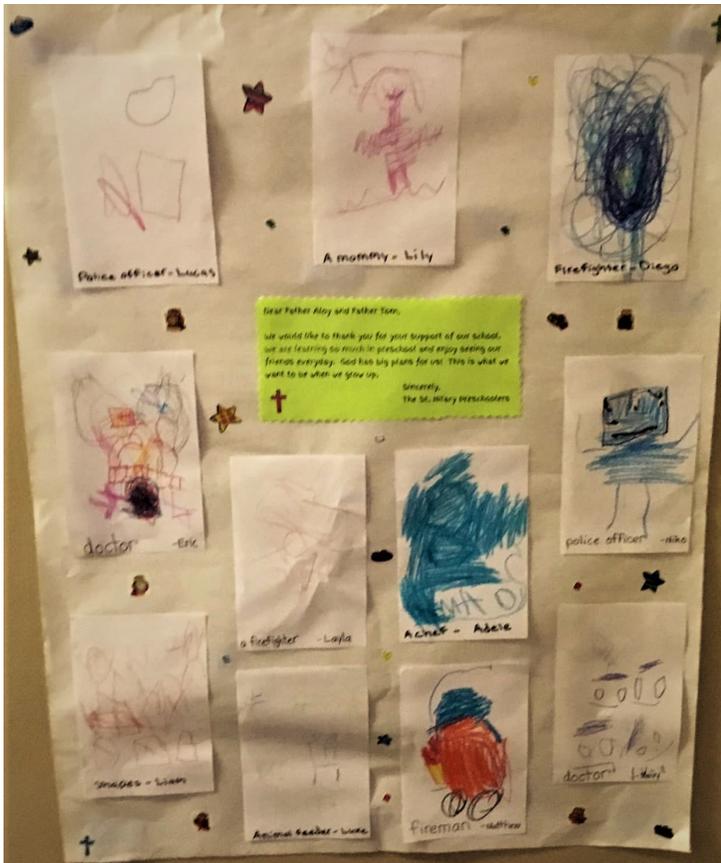
Pero no pudiendo hacerlo ahora sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón.

Y como si te hubiese recibido, me abrazo y me uno todo a Ti; Oh Señor, no permitas que me separe de Ti.

Amen.



## WHAT OUR PRESCHOOLERS & 1ST GRADERS WANT TO BE WHEN THEY GROW UP



## SEEDS OF HOPE

*"Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for you alone in this age have I found to be truly just."*  
**Genesis 7:1**

You may not have realized that the story of Noah's Ark offers many wise observations we can still use today. For instance, here are 12 of them ...

1. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
2. Take it from 600-year-old Noah — You're never too old for God to use you.
3. Don't listen to the critics — do what has to be done.
4. Build on high ground and follow God's directions.
5. Follow the animals' advice: it's safer to travel in pairs.
6. We all need to get along — otherwise, it's sink or swim.
7. Faster isn't always better. (Yes, the cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails.
8. Don't miss the boat — come on board with the Lord!
9. Remember that the Ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals.
10. Realize that the woodpeckers INSIDE are often a bigger threat than the storm outside.
11. Your present situation may stink, but considering the alternatives, try to make the best of it.
12. When rainy days seem to go on and on, just look for the rainbow — for the sign of God's hope.

So, the next time the storms of life have you running for cover, learn from the lessons of Noah and the Ark. And take comfort in knowing that we're all in the same boat.

**For further reflection:** Which of these "lessons" do you need to work on remembering?

## SOME REFLECTIONS DURING LENT FROM BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

In Luke 9:22-25, he lays out Jesus' conditions for discipleship: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." ...

Ronald Knox talked about the sign of the cross this way: the first two gestures form the letter "I" and the next two cross it out. That's what the cross of Jesus meant and means. The path of discipleship is the path of self-sacrificing love — and that means the path of suffering.

**Reflect:** How do you "lose your life" or deny yourself for the sake of Christ?



In Luke 5:27-32, Jesus tells Matthew, "Follow me." This call of Jesus ... has the sense of "apprentice to me" or "walk as I walk; think as I think; choose as I choose." Discipleship entails an entire reworking of the self according to the pattern and manner of Jesus ...

Thus Paul can say, "I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me." Thomas Merton can speak of the "false self" that has given way to the authentic self ...

**Reflect:** With what "temporary goods of this world" are you overly preoccupied? What is Christ asking you to do about that preoccupation?



In Mark 1:12-15, Jesus goes into Galilee and begins to preach. The first words out of his mouth, as Mark reports them, serve as a sort of summary statement of his life and work: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

... Jesus' very first words are a wake-up call, a warning bell in the night, a summons to attention. This is not the time to be asleep, not the time to be languishing in complacency and self-satisfaction, not the time for delaying tactics, for procrastination and second guessing.

... In the fiction of James Joyce, we often find that moments of spiritual insights are preceded by a great thunderclap, the cosmic alarm shocking the characters (and the reader) into wide-awakeness. The initial words of Jesus' first sermon are a similar invitation to psychological and spiritual awareness: there is something to be seen, so open your eyes!

**Reflect:** Is there anything that you have been putting off that you believe Jesus wants you to do? What can you do this week to address your procrastination?



Matthew 6:7-15 gives us the Our Father. It asks that God's will be done "on earth as it is in heaven," ... Biblical cosmology sees the two realms as two interpenetrating fields of force: Heaven, the arena of God and the angels which touches upon and calls out to Earth, the arena of humans, animals, plants, and planets.

Salvation, therefore, is a matter of the meeting of heaven and earth, so that God might reign as thoroughly here below as He does on high ... "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

This is decidedly not a prayer that we might escape from the earth, but rather that earth and heaven might come together ...

**Reflect:** What does it mean to "hold God's name holy above all" in your own life? Is anything competing for that top position of honor?

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