

Opening

Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P.

- God's grace has a drenching about it. A wildness about it. A white-water, riptide, turn-you-upside-downness about it. Grace comes after you. -Max Lucado
- Do you believe in grace? Who could say no? But have you been changed by grace? Shaped by grace? Strengthened by grace? Emboldened by grace? - Max Lucado
- Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off. -Max Lucado
- Grace is the gift of feeling sure that our future, even our dying, is going to turn out more splendidly than we dare imagine. -Lewis Smedes



Scripture:

Hebrews 12.15 and I Peter 4.10

Recommended Reading:

Grace Happens, Grace, and In the Grip of Grace Here by Max Lucado.

Friday Night Conference

Brandon Nappi

- Many of us live life AS IF we were drowning.
- We need to let go of some things to welcome other things.
- We already have as much grace as we'll ever need.
- We don't always get what we want, but with grace we always get what we need.
- You are being held and supported beyond your understanding.

Scripture: 1 Peter 5.6-11

Saturday Morning Conference

Brandon Nappi

- Wars in the world are created by fear in the heart
- Fear is the greatest obstacle to grace.
- Grace frees us to face fear fearlessly.
- Blessings come from catastrophe
- Suffering = Pain X Resistance
- Healing of our suffering is by leaning into it and not moving away from it.

- Tell your heart that the fear of pain is worse than the pain itself. -Paulo Coelho
- Grace is your participation in the life of God.

Scripture: Titus 3.1-8

Recommended Reading:

What We Talk About When We Talk About God by Rob Bell

Amazing Grace by Kathleen Norris

Inner Voice of Love by Henri Nouwen

Reconciliation

Brandon Nappi

- With easy choices comes a hard life.
- With hard choices comes an easy life. -Jerzy Gregorec
- Too often we choose comfort over the truth.
- It is in falling down that we learn almost everything that matters spiritually.
- Sin leads us to the unconditional love of God that we call grace.
- Sin: our tendency to forget our connection to God and each other.
- Not punished FOR our sins; we are punished BY our sins.
- Smart hide their flaws; Wise use them.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-9

Saturday Eucharist

Fr. Terry Kristofak, C.P.

- My grace is enough for you
- Your faith has saved you.

Scripture: II Cor 12:8-10

Recommended Reading: *The Practical Prophet* by Bishop Ken Untener

Saturday Evening Conference

Bill Heiden

- Liar, Liar
 - We are all sinners
 - None is perfect
 - No distinction
- Jesus Understands
 - In the temple, on the cross
 - He didn't choose His Apostles for the Pharisees
- Amazing Grace

- John Newton & William Wilberforce
- "Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far"
- Keep Calling Out
 - **Peter** walked on water
 - What could we do, if we did not fear?



Scripture: Romans 4:21

Recommended Reading: *Ragamuffin Gospel: Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up, and Burnt Out* by Brennan Manning

Saturday Evening Prayer

Sr. Elaine Betoncourt, C.S.J

- *Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountain top -- an astonishing event both for Jesus and the disciples*
- *Called to be attentive to the joy-filled, uplifting moments of grace in our lives*
- *Living and sharing with others the grace we are given*

Scripture: Matthew 17: 1-8

Recommended Reading:

Broken Open: How Difficult Times Can Help Us Grow by Elizabeth Lesser

Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, Finding Joy by Sandberg and Grant
Virtue of Resilience by James D. Whitehead and Evelyn Eaton Whitehead

Sunday Morning Conference

Liza Peters

- Grace is always accessible to us and freely given. It is being poured down upon us always and inviting us into deeper relationship with God and God's people.
- Our tendency is to want to hoard God's favor and love for us because we might need it someday and because others do not deserve it.
- Pope Francis has said that the Church is a field hospital; we are to care for the wounded.
- Dorothy Day is an example of someone who freely gave of herself and her gifts so that she could serve as a steward of God's varied grace.
- Nourished by the Eucharist, God's grace enables and empowers us to care for one another.

Scripture: 1 Peter 4: 7 – 11

Recommended Reading:

The Long Loneliness by Dorothy Day

All is Grace by Jim Forest

Grace for the Moment: 365 Devotions for Kids by Max Lucado