

Presentation at all the Masses – St Teresa's, SI, NY

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Who spoke these words? They were said by a twenty-six year old man, one month after Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama and on the night the front of his house was firebombed. His young wife Coretta was inside with their four month old child.

He was Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. and it became the tipping point for the Civil Rights movement.

I work with a woman who mocks me each Ash Wednesday for getting ashes. She also doesn't intellectually understand how I attend Church. She then proceeds to tell me all the strife and turmoil she has in her life.

Father, forgive her for she doesn't know what she is saying.

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The seven deadly sins are: pride, greed, envy, anger, lust, gluttony, and laziness. The greatest seven gifts the devil can give you.

They all lead to mortal sin. I should know. I lived with these and other sins for thirty-five years because of my pride. I was afraid to go to confession.

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We will have our own tipping point tomorrow. The devil is so evil he has convinced us that sin doesn't exist.

Jesus has had enough.

Jesus is going to forgive us. Right here – tomorrow – Monday - beginning at 3:00pm. Please, please – I beg you to experience the life I have been given since I humbled myself and went to confession six years ago almost to the day. Fear left and has never returned.

God gave my wife a husband she never knew and always hoped for.

If you wish, I invite you to a weekly gathering we call "A State of Grace." There we will teach you how to re-program your buttons. No one can ever press them again. Only you have the code. Sorry evil one, the passwords have changed.

God is love. So let me recite what is generally the first reading for most wedding Masses found in First Corinthians, Chapter Thirteen. I am going to replace the word love with Jesus.

Jesus is patient, Jesus is kind. Jesus is not jealous, [Jesus] is not pompous, Jesus is not inflated, Jesus is not rude, Jesus does not seek His own interests, Jesus is not quick-tempered, Jesus does not brood over injury, Jesus does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Jesus bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Jesus never fails.

Jesus is the guy I want to hang out with. He has the power to cleanse us.

It is okay to say for one last day that we are lost. Please know you will be found. Oh, and if you feel something in your body over the next few days. No worries. Jesus is simply moving back in.

Father O'Hara, Father Ferreira and Father Vincent, eat well today; for my prayer is you have no time tomorrow. You will be too busy dispensing overwhelming amounts of love and forgiveness.

Jesus will bring us victory.