

Nova Catholic Community
A CELEBRATION OF LIFE – April 18, 2021

JAMES (JIM) L. WEBER



April 18, 1937-April 8, 2021

“The two best things about cancer are that it brings out the best in your friends, and you appreciate every day a little bit more” (Jim Weber)

10:00 am-10:15 a.m. Slide presentation by Jason Powell and Video Song “I’ll Fly Away” by Matt Weber’s family

Opening Song: "Amazing Grace" (John Newton)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares we have already come.
'Tis grace that brought us safe thus far and grace will lead us home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we'd first begun

Welcome and Opening Prayers

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (Sung)

Refrain:

To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time for every purpose, under heaven

This is the Word of God Response: Thanks be to God

Psalm Response: Shepherd Me, O God (Marty Haugen)

Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, Beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

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Second Reading: NOW by Jim Weber, 1985

Jennifer Powell

What have you done for me lately? Are we having fun yet? Make hay while the sun shines. Strike while the iron is hot. Time is money. Time's awasting. Instant gratification. He who hesitates is lost.

All of these sayings are familiar. They all have a sense of urgency. An emphasis on Now.

The experience of watching your child be born, flowers received unexpectedly, a spontaneous hug, holding hands with your lover, a visit when you're sick, a Ken Himes Homily, a children's liturgy, acceptance by THE college, your wedding vows, a card on your birthday. The "stuff" of which real loving is made. All savory moments, so sweet and carefully played.

What are we talking about here? We're saying that the play is the thing. The future is now. The hero for the next play is not Joe Montana; it's you! It's about directing our lives toward God with the only thing that we can and have complete control over and that is the present moment.

This day was given to each of us to use or misuse. We are in total control. I cannot add one minute to your allotted time on this earth or you to mine, but I can give this moment to you, or to God. I could start NOW with the business of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia (Mass of Glory)

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-10

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of justice,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayers of the Faithful *Response: We give you thanks***Sign of Peace in Song: We are Sending you Light**

We are sending you light, to heal you, to hold you,

We are sending you light, to hold you in love. (2X)

Holy, Holy, Holy Memorial Acclamation Great Amen (Mass of Glory)**The Lord's Prayer****Lamb of God****Communion Song: Simple Gifts (Shaker Song)**

Tis a gift to be simple, tis a gift to be free.

Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be.

And when we find ourselves in a place just right,

We'll be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,

To bow and to bend we will not be ashamed.

To turn, to turn, will be our delight,

And by turning, turning we come 'round right.

Meditation: I'll Fly Away - Rich Rosenberg on the piano**Family Remembrances**

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Closing Song: Lord of the Dance

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be.

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

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Appreciations, Introductions and Announcements: Nova Chair

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Jim's final days health care support: Mabel Silva and Pia Lazo.

Please joining us for remembrances by continuing zoom: Jason Powell Coordinating

You may also read/leave posts at: <https://www.JimWeber.life>

5 Minute Break

Video Song: **Why Walk When You Can Fly** Matt, Ashley, Juni and Zora Weber

In this world there's a whole lot of trouble, baby

In this world there's a whole lot of pain

In this world there's a whole lot of trouble,

But A whole lot of ground to gain.

Why take when you could be giving?

Why watch as the world goes by?

It's a hard enough life to be living

Why walk when you can fly?

In this world there's a whole lot of sorrow

In this world there's a whole lot of shame

In this world there's a whole lot of sorrow

And a whole lot of ground to gain.

When you spend your whole life wishing

Wanting, and wondering why

It's a long enough life to be living
 Why walk when you can fly?

And in this world, there's a whole lot of golden
 In this world there's a whole lot of pain
 In this world you've a soul for a compass
 And a heart for a pair of wings
 There's a star on the far horizon
 Rising bright in an azure sky
 For the rest of the time that you're given
 Why walk when you can fly?

Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1. *Jim Weber*
- 2. *Dad*

Down

- 1. *Pops*
- 2. *All of us*

Obituary James L. Weber

James (Jim) Lawrence Weber has walked over the rainbow bridge at 83 years, after a brief struggle with brain cancer. He is preceded in death by his wife Marjorie, and siblings John, Ruth, and Thomas. He is survived by his partner of 20 years Emma Violand-Sanchez, daughter Jennifer Powell Weber and son-in-law Jason Powell, son Matthew and daughter-in-law Ashley, and 5 granddaughters. Jim grew up on a dairy farm in Ohio and never stopped being down-to-earth. His sister insisted he broaden his horizons, and he travelled alone to attend high school in Minnesota at St. Thomas military academy, excelling in every subject. He also attended Notre Dame, studying engineering. He was drafted during the Korean war, relocating to Fort Myer in Virginia. He met Marjorie in Virginia, and with the exception of a year working in Florida, remained in Northern Virginia for the rest of his life. Jim was a self-made man, an expert builder and contractor. He specialized in custom residential, including a passive solar home designed in collaboration with Marjorie. He hated being in an office and was able to keep mud on his boots throughout his career. Jim was fortunate to enjoy a retirement lasting more than 20 years, the most important feature of which was not fancy trips abroad (although there were a few), but making his own decidedly unhurried schedule, enjoying every day on his own terms, often with Emma.

Jim was a man of wide abilities and interests, who loved deeply, and was much loved by others. He had a can-do confidence and an optimistic outlook on life. His extroverted side opened the family to important social relationships as well as social causes such as Christmas in April. He was a large man, and with a booming voice shared his knowledge, thoughts, and laughter generously. Jim was also an intellectual, appreciating literature, art, music, and theater, ushering with Marjorie at Arena Stage and other venues. Jim was generous, the sort of person who would spend more on others than himself. He had an infectious enthusiasm and loved giving unusual gifts intertwined with a good story. A sometimes-surprising balance to his large presence, Jim was also unusually tender hearted and humble. He was grateful for even small things, appreciated favors forever, and spoke highly of anyone who served others. He wept freely when emotional, such as at his 80th birthday party, thanking those who had allowed him to be a part of their lives. In his last weeks with us Jim said: "The two best things about cancer are that it brings out the best in your friends, and helps you enjoy every day a little bit more." Jim, we miss you terribly, and strive to follow your examples in gratitude. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Dream Project, P.O. Box 7419, Arlington VA, 22207, www.dreamproject-va.org. An online service will be held on April 18th, for more information contact www.novacatholic.org.