
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 11, 2018

Raised Up by the Messiah

Last week, when Jesus referred to the destruction of the Temple, the account from today's first reading is what would have come to the minds of his listeners. But, as Jesus was speaking on a deeper level, so does today's first reading. In the first paragraph we hear that Israel had, in effect, "fallen" already through its infidelity to the covenant. Let us not get too cozy, this account reminds us that God, though just, loving, and merciful, is capable of punishing sin when that sin is unrepentant. But we are also reminded that God, rich in mercy, anoints individuals to be vessels of salvation as well (in Hebrew, King Cyrus of Persia is called "messiah"). In the Gospel reading, we hear of another Messiah being "lifted up" for our salvation in one of the best-known passages from the New Testament. As Lent concludes and we enter Holy Week, we need to keep our gaze steadfast upon the cross of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to raise up who had fallen.

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Worship at St. Francis of Assisi

Mass Schedule

Sat/Sun: 4:30 PM/ 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM Sp.

Daily Mass: Mon to Sat: 9:00 AM

Adoration: Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12:00 PM

Reconciliation: Sat: 3:30-4:15 or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS: 10-4:30 Mon-Thurs

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Dcn. John McGuire, Dcn. John Barone



Saints for the Lenten Season

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

One of the proofs of a really close friendship is when you can't say one person's name without thinking of the other. This shows up in history, with names like Lewis and Clark. It's in story books, with names like Hansel and Gretel, or Jack and Jill. When it comes to saints, there are many examples, but one of the most prominent duos is Perpetua and Felicity. Perpetua was a young Christian noblewoman and Felicity was a young Christian slave. The two were arrested for their belief in Christ, during the persecution of Emperor Septimius Severus: at this time, Perpetua was a new mother, and Felicity was eight months pregnant. Together, the two women helped each other through the heat, darkness and brutality of the guards in the prison. Two days before their scheduled death, Felicity gave birth to her daughter in the prison, and the child was adopted by a Christian woman. Perpetua and Felicity were sent out to face the arena together, and after being exposed to the beasts, were killed by having their throats cut. These last days of the women were recorded by Perpetua, whose diary became one of the most famous accounts in the early church of the suffering of the martyrs. March 7 Feast Day usccb.org

Be Aware. We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn't know we had left open. -anonymous

MASS INTENTIONS this week

Fourth Sunday of Lent

(Mar 11 - Mar 17, 2018)

Sat	4:30 p	†	Bob & Betty Bond <i>by Betty Mendenhall</i>
Sun	8:30 a	L	People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
Sun	11:00 a	†	Stacy Erikson <i>by Carol Gibson</i>
Sun	1:00 p	L	Amy Farber <i>by Jerry/Cricket Aull</i>
9a	Mon	†	David Fitkin <i>by Mary Ann Fitkin</i>
9a	Tue	†	Jerry Albers <i>by Dorothy Albers</i>
9a	Wed	†	Deceased Knights <i>by Marge Breslin</i>
9a	Thu	†	Marianne Shaputis <i>by Mary Ann Fitkin</i>
9a	Fri	†	Lillian Gluodenis <i>by Charlie Gluodenis</i>
9a	Sat	†	Lillian Gluodenis <i>by Charlie Gluodenis</i>
4:30p	Sat	L	James Spriggs <i>by Debbi Spriggs</i>



We are privileged to have The VIGIL PROECT at St. Francis this Sunday evening (Mar 11 @ 6 pm) for a Lenten Night of Worship. Great Christian Music – you will come away spiritually refreshed. Free admission.



Luke Porter
Joan Tufford
Afra Beggy
Tarah Burrell
Martha Brown
Jo Schilling

Wayne Weibe
Dell O'Neill
Roseanne Danchy
Maureen Wilson
Thomas Biddle
Linda Bernhardt

St. Patrick Day Dinner Dance

March 17, 2018 @ 6 pm

Thirty-hour Adoration

March 23 -24th from 9:30 am until 4 pm Saturday
We keep company with our Lord while the blessed sacrament is exposed on the altar. Sign-up now!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018

Mar 29	Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)	6 pm
Mar 30	Good Friday	Church open for prayer and meditation	12-3 pm
Mar 30	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross (in church & outside)	6 pm
Mar 30	Good Friday	Passion of the Lord (Bilingual)	7 pm
Mar 31	Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil Mass (Bilingual)	8 pm
Apr 1	Easter Sunday	Masses: 8:30, 11:00, 1:00 pm Spanish	Regular Schedule



Mar 4, 2018

First Collection

\$8045.65

Second Collection

No second collection

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Next Week's Collection

Catholic Relief Service

Simple Supper Hosts

Mar 16 – Finance Council & Parish Council

Mar 23 – Evangelization & Young Adult

Parish Notes

Cleaning Up The Church (Mar.16@noon)

Look for dirt this weekend in the church. Why? Because we want you to come back Friday, Mar. 16th at noon ready to eradicate that spot on the wall (but not the paint) that you identified. You know you like to clean. Give in. Join other eradicators this Friday.

Lenten Penance Service (Mar 19@ 7pm)

“Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offenses. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.” Psalm 51 says it all. Penance Service Mon, 3/19

Easter Candy Update

The office staff is disappointed that all the candy being donated for the Easter Egg Hunt fits in the donated plastic eggs. The children are not. Continue to support our children with your candy and egg donations. It will disappear in minutes on Easter. Yes, you bring them joy!

Monastic Experience for Women

The Monastery of St. Clare in Travelers Rest, SC is offering a two-week monastic immersion experience for women interested in experiencing the life of a Poor Clare. Apr 8-21, 2018. Email Sr. Nancy: nancy@poorclaresc.com or call: 864.834.8015 Deadline is soon!

CRS Second Collection

Next Sunday, March 18 the second collection is for Catholic Relief Services (CRS). This is a national collection to help the needy throughout the world. Please read the insert in this week's bulletin.

Women's Retreat at St. Paul

St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Cleveland GA will offer a Women's Retreat from 10:30 am – 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 21 in the Parish Hall. Nursery Available. Details Later.

Cuarta Domingo de Cuaresma

LEVANTADOS POR EL MESÍAS

La semana pasada, cuando Jesús se refería a la destrucción del Templo, el relato de la primera lectura de hoy es lo que les hubiera venido a la mente a sus oyentes. Pero, dado que Jesús estaba hablando en un sentido más profundo, así también debemos entender la primera lectura de hoy. Escuchamos en el primer párrafo que Israel en efecto ya había "caído" a causa de sus infidelidades contra la alianza. Para no ponernos demasiado cómodos, este relato nos recuerda que Dios, aunque justo, amoroso y misericordioso, es capaz de castigar el pecado cuando es un pecado no arrepentido. Pero también nos recuerda que Dios, rico en misericordia, unge a individuos para que sean a su vez instrumentos de salvación (en hebreo al Rey Ciro de Persia se le denomina "mesías"). En la lectura del Evangelio, escuchamos de otro Mesías que debe ser "levantado" por nuestra salvación, en uno de los pasajes más conocidos del Nuevo Testamento. Al terminar la Cuaresma y entrar en la Semana Santa, debemos mantener nuestra mirada fija en la cruz de Cristo, el Hijo de Dios que vino al mundo para levantarnos. Fr. Juan: 678.343.7486 caído. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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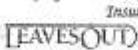
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