

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 18, 2018

Why You Should Come

30 Hour Adoration

You know that scripture where Jesus is experiencing the Agony in the Garden and the apostles are tired and they fall asleep? Jesus says to them later “Could you not wait with me for one hour?” Well, for thirty hours straight we are going to wait with Jesus, as a parish community. Starting Friday, March 23 @ 10 am, through Saturday, March 24 till 4 pm, we invite and encourage all parishioners to stop by the church and to sit with Jesus in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Listening. Sign up in vestibule or just show up. But come!

Parish Penance Service

Mercy and forgiveness. A clean heart. Joy. A new start. Reconciliation. Love. Who can refuse all that from a loving God and Father? No one I know! Join many parishioners and many priests for our Lenten Reconciliation Monday, March 19 @ 7.

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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Deacons: Dcn. Larry Casey, Dcn. Paul Dietz,
Dcn. JP, OFS, Dcn. John Barone



The New Covenant

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term “new covenant” he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears.

But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus the “new covenant” speaks the language of his “new commandment” of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

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Repentance God has promised pardon to one that repents but has not promised repentance to one that sins. -St. Anselm

MASS INTENTIONS this week

Fifth Sunday of Lent

(Mar 18 - Mar 24, 2018)

Sat	4:30 p	L	James Spriggs <i>by Debbi Spriggs</i>
Sun	8:30 a	†	Jerry Albers <i>by Dorothy Albers</i>
Sun	11:00 a	†	Joseph Mack <i>by Joanna McConnell</i>
Sun	1:00 p	L	People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
9a	Mon	†	Martin L. Cox <i>by Jerry Smoot</i>
9a	Tue	†	Jerry Albers <i>by Dorothy Albers</i>
9a	Wed	†	Fr. Juan de la Cruz <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
9a	Thu	†	Karl Gruensteidl, Sr. <i>by Grizio Family</i>
9a	Fri	†	Dick Stone <i>by Colleen Orchanian</i>
9a	Sat	†	Art Shoenthaler <i>by Colleen Orchanian</i>
4:30p	Sat	†	Johann Gruensteidl <i>by Grizio Family</i>

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



Thirty-hour Adoration

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

Parish Lenten Penance Service Monday
March 19@ 7 pm



Mar 11, 2018

First Collection

\$5777.00

Door Collection

St. Vincent de Paul

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Holy Land Holy Sites next wk.

Luke Porter
Dagny Kolomaznik
Joey Bartlett
Wayne Weible
Tarah Burrell
Dell O'Neill
Joan Tufford
Jo Schilling
Afra Beggy
Lynda Bernhardt
Your adopted unborn baby

Simple Supper Hosts

Mar 23 – Evangelization & Young Adult



It's time to turn in your Rice Bowl. Drop it by the office, drop in the collection or give it to an usher. Thanks for your support of Catholic Relief Services.

Catholic Moms meet Tuesday

@ 10 am in Room 6

Parish Notes

Women's Guild Morning Retreat Tues/10a

A garden needs light and water to grow. We too need the light of Christ and His living water to grow spiritually. The women of the parish are invited to join Women's Guild for a "Garden Retreat" Tuesday, March 20 from 10 - 12 in Marian Hall. Please sign up at the information table.

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

Holy Land Second Collection

Next Sunday, March 25, the second collection is not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

A Candle lit for our loved ones

Did you know that you can have the sanctuary light on the altar lit in memory of a loved one for a whole week? It is called the "Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light." Stop by the parish office or call to reserve a week for your loved one. 706.745.6400.

Easter Candy Update

Parishioners are faithfully donating candy to put in plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please continue to do so. A private collection for the office staff is being considered. Considered. Dreamed. Vetoed. Re-vetoed. Lost. Maybe next year.

Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

LA NUEVA ALIANZA

Cuando el profeta Jeremías creó el término "nueva alianza" hacía algo muy radical. Para el pueblo judío, sólo había una alianza, la que el Señor Dios había hecho con Israel por medio de Moisés en el Monte Sinaí. Cuando Jeremías dice que de alguna manera Dios va a reemplazar la antigua alianza con una nueva, seguro que sus oyentes pensaban que era algo muy atrevido. De ese modo Jeremías es un predecesor de Jesús, quien, en el Evangelio de Juan se presenta siempre como alguien que reemplaza el pasado, estableciendo el Reino de Dios de una manera nueva. Y en el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús, "la nueva alianza" habla con el lenguaje del "nuevo mandamiento" de amor cuando menciona el grano de trigo que muere y nuestra propia muerte al egoísmo para poder resucitar con Cristo. Al finalizar la Cuaresma y al prepararnos a entrar en la Semana Santa, el grano de trigo que muere es un símbolo excelente del tipo de muerte y autosacrificio al que los discípulos están llamados, un símbolo de esa nueva alianza escrita en lo más profundo de nuestro corazón. Fr. Juan: 678.343.7486

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Lunes @ 7 pm

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