Saint George
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Oscar Martin Picos, Pastor
Rev. Sébastien Sasa Nganomo Babisayone, Parochial Vicar

To all Saint George Parishioners
who participated & supported
Christmas Eve at San Pablo Mission in Beryl...

Twenty-five parishioners from Saint George Catholic Church celebrated Mass with the residents. They set up the gifts and enjoyed a wonderful Christmas meal of tamales, burritos, beans, rice, chile verde and other specialties after Mass.

Forty jackets were given to the children by the Knights of Columbus and Saint George Catholic Women’s Group. Over 100 plush blankets, toys, games, coloring books, knit hats, scarves, gloves and socks were given out to 30 families. Also given: a sewing machine for the Mission quilt ministry, and a monetary collection of $1,338.

Christ’s heart was kind and gentle. He always thought of others. Thank you all for fulfilling this mission with your time, talent and treasure. As you can see by these pictures, the people were grateful and appreciative of your many gifts. God Bless You All!

~submitted by Bonnie Arndt

Photos: Mary Kay Pippy and Del Candanoza

Christmas Eve at San Pablo Mission

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God made all things good. Within our world today, evil appears so often with the threat of destroying that which is good and blessed by God. Evil lurks everywhere. We are called to avoid evil and help others do the same. Under the guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit, we can overcome evil with good.

Evil seeks to harm and destroy. Pure, true, selfless love never fails to do good. It overcomes attempts to hurt and destroy, sometimes by speaking out against those forces that support wrongdoing in our world. Love endures forever.

On Sunday, January 20, Dixie State University hosted an MLK Interfaith Service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his fight for tolerance and equality. It was sponsored by the Office of the Chief Diversity Officer, Multicultural & Inclusion Center. I offered the following prayer.

“Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream.
Many of us today dream of a world where we can live in peace and harmony with each other. Yet, we know for this dream to become reality, it must be lived daily within our own hearts. And so we pray:

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
When I witness hatred or prejudice, let me exemplify Your love;
When feelings have been hurt or injured, let me offer forgiveness;
When there is doubt or lack of faith, let me share Your Word;
Where there is the loneliness of despair, let me offer hope;
Where there is darkness in life, let me be a beacon of Your light;
And where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
O Divine Master,
May I not so much seek to be consoled, as to offer consolation to others.
If I am misunderstood, let me remember so also were You.
Let me not seek as much to be loved, as to be love to others.
Lord, God, it is in giving of ourselves that we truly receive;
It is in forgiving that we, too, are forgiven.
May we then, Lord, abandon our own will, embracing Your Holy Will instead, as we strive to bring Peace and Harmony to this world in which we live.
Amen.”

~Carole Drake
Pastoral Assistant and Community Outreach
We often fail to value our own relatives and acquaintances because we know them intimately, in their low moments and their mistakes. When we ask others what exceptional people they know, they tell us about individuals outside their own family and circle of acquaintances. Familiarity can breed contempt; we often tend to overlook greatness in the people we know best.

Because of this natural prejudice, Jesus did not perform miracles in front of His neighbors. He understood that no prophet is accepted in his own native community.

When He visited the synagogue in His hometown, Jesus reminded His neighbors of the miracles of Elijah and Elisha, Hebrew prophets who found greater faith in natives of other lands than they found in their own Israelites. His Jewish listeners became angry when He pointed out that God had shown favor to Gentiles rather than Jews. They believed the Jews were God’s chosen people, His chosen race. To them, Jesus’ words sounded like an insult to the Jewish people.

This is where the persecution of Jesus begins, in His hometown. Jesus provoked His neighbors with His words and that is why they tried to kill Him. The Word that engenders life became, for those hard-hearted people, words that engender death.

Like Jesus’ neighbors, we often prefer to hear words that flatter our ears. This makes it impossible for Jesus’ message to reach our inner selves to the depths of our hearts.

The missionary or prophet will always be subject to criticism from within and without. He will always be in an awkward position, since by denouncing oppression, injustice and selfishness he will inevitably offend individuals within his own family and community. We must always be ready not only for Palm Sunday, but also for the Good Friday of our apostolic lives.

Normalmente valoramos poco a nuestros familiares y conocidos y esto sucede porque les conocemos incluso en sus intimidades, en sus momentos bajos y en sus errores.

Si preguntamos a las demás qué buenas personas conocen, puede ocurrir que siempre nos hablen de individuos de fuera de su ambiente familiar y de su círculo de conocidos. La familiaridad muchas veces engendra desprecio y tendemos a tener en poco a las personas con quienes estamos acostumbrados a conversar.

Jesús no hizo milagros delante de sus ciudadanos a causa de los prejuicios que ellos tenían. El Evangelio nos cita los casos de los milagros de los profetas Elías y Eliseo que se dieron porque en aquellos individuos los profetas encontraron fe, que los profetas no habían encontrado en sus conciudadanos. Después empeza la oposición y la persecución de Jesús. Tan cerca está para los cristianos la admiración de la persecución que no debemos dejarnos confundir por una o por otra; ambas siempre estarán a nuestro lado tal y como le pasó a Jesús.

Los oyentes se enfadan cuando oyen que Dios había mostrado su favor a los gentiles (a los que no eran de raza judía).

Ellos eran judíos, el pueblo elegido, la raza escogida. Las palabras de Jesús les sonaron más que un insulto. Hay veces que sólo nos gustan las palabras que nos halagan el oído, pero les impedimos que lleguen a nuestro interior, a lo más profundo de nuestro corazón.

Jesús les provocó con sus palabras y por eso intentaron matarlo. La Palabra que engendra vida se convirtió para aquellas personas duras de corazón, en palabras que engendran intenciones de muerte.

El misionero o profeta será siempre objeto de críticas desde dentro y desde fuera; siempre estará en una postura incómoda ya que al denunciar la opresión, la injusticia y el egoísmo se enfrentarán irremediablemente incluso con los de dentro de su propia familia y comunidad. Tenemos que estar siempre preparados no sólo para el domingo de ramos sino también para el viernes santo de nuestras vidas apostólicas...
EVENTS and MASS INTENTIONS
Please visit our website for more announcements or email us at sgcc.bulletin@gmail.com for questions or submissions.

PARISH EVENTS

**Monday**
- 7:00 pm RCIA Scanlan, FL2
- 3:30 pm Holy Rosary—please join us Hurricane
- 10:00 am Everyday God (2/11, 2/25, 3/11) Scanlan, FL2

**Tuesday**
- 9:00 am Marian Hour - Our Lady of Peace Kuzy
- 12-4 pm Bridge Group Kuzy
- 7:00 pm Neo Catechumenal Way Kuzy
- 7:00 pm CCD Scanlan FL2

**First Tuesday**
- 6:30 pm Women’s Group (Sept-June) Kuzy
- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (Sept-June) Kuzy, FL2

**Second Tuesday**
- 1:00 pm Women’s Group Lunch at Harmons Santa Clara
- 1:30 pm Mass at Veterans Home, Ivins 160N 200E

**Wednesday**
- 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline (11 days prior to publication date)
- 6:30 pm Holy Spirit Charismatic Group Kuzy, FL2
- 7:00 pm Classes Biblicas Scanlan, FL3
- 7:00 pm Holy Hour of Reparation

**Thursday**
- 9:00 am Way of the Cross of the Unborn

**Second Thursday**
- 1:30 pm Mass at Sterling Court, St. George 324N 1680E

**Third Thursday**
- 6:30 pm 4th Degree K of C Kuzy, FL2

**Friday**
- 7:00 pm Holy Hour, Spanish

**First Friday**
- 8:00 am Anointing of the Sick at Mass

**Last Friday**
- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration begins

**Saturday**
- 7:00 pm Neo Catechumenal Way Kuzy

**First Saturday**
- 8:00 am Mass in Honor of Our Lady
- 9:30 am Walk for Life (Oct-May) Bluff & 600S

**After last Friday**
- 6:00 am Eucharistic Adoration ends with Mass

**First Weekend**
- At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection

**Third Weekend**
- At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

**Sunday**
- 9:00 am CCD Scanlan, FL2
- 11:00am CCD Scanlan, FL2
- 5:00 pm Rosary

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MASSE INTENTIONS

**Saturday 2/2**
- 5:00 pm †Alfred Jankus by Barbara
- †Wade Henderson by Alice Henderson
- †Tom Madden by Lenore
- †Ruby Lopez by daughter
- All military service personnel, living and deceased
- 7:00 pm (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Sunday 2/3**
- 9:00 am †Louis James DeZarn—In Memory of †Jim Pearce
- 11:00 am Father Dass by Holy Spirit Prayer Group
- 1:00 pm (Spanish) Pro Populo
- †Leticia Segovia by Segovia Family

**Monday 2/4**
- 8:00 am Ruth Ann and Jim Pilney by Carole

**Tuesday 2/5**
- 8:00 am †Bob Kowalski

**Wednesday 2/6**
- 8:00 am †Cecelia Imrick by Kathleen Hnath

**Thursday 2/7**
- 8:00 am †Gene Rector by Maggie & Jim
- 7:00 pm (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Friday 2/8**
- 8:00 am †The Holy Souls in Purgatory
- †Elizabeth Vargo by Tischler Family
ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS
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LOOKING AHEAD
Feb. 11  “Everyday” God 10:00 am, Scanlan, FL2
Feb. 12  SGCWG Lunch, Harmon Santa Clara, 1:00 pm
Feb. 18  Parish Office Closed
Feb. 23  "A Taste of Carmel: Carmelite Spirituality & YOU", 2:30-4:00 pm, Scanlan, FL2
Mar. 6  Ash Wednesday

Do You Have Little Free Time But Would Like To Help Your Church?
Would you like to help your Church, but have very little free time? Join us to count the weekly collections.

We meet at 7:45 am on Monday mornings in the Scanlan Building. Counting the collection is a group effort of 5 or more people and most Mondays we are finished in about 2 hours.

We have teams established so that most volunteers have only a once-a-month commitment. Currently, we have a need for more volunteers on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Mondays of each month.

If you are good at counting money or have a background in banking or retail, you are a perfect fit for counting – but experience is NOT necessary.

If you would like to give it a try, please contact Shari Gowers at 435-773-7402 or gowers725@gmail.com

One Who Has Hope Lives Differently.
~Pope Benedict XVI

Weekly Collection Report
Collection (1/20)...........................................$ 9,747
Capital Improvement Project (December)
Renovation and Improvement Fund ...... $ 335,984
Renovation Fund Collections .............. $ 6,910

This weekend’s second collection benefits the Saint George Catholic Church Renovation Projects
If you have Building Fund envelopes, you may use them for this collection. You may also contribute to the Renovation Projects through our online giving.

Cursillo Ultreya!
Cursillo is where one lives, experiences, and shares an atmosphere of fellowship and friendship. It is a gathering of Cursillistas, those who want to be Cursillistas, and those who have never heard of Cursillo.

Please come and share your faith with us. Join us for an hour of joyful celebration of prayer, song, and sharing of personal Piety (loving God), Study (knowing God) and Action (serving God).

All are invited and bring a friend(s). Snacks and drinks will be provided.

DATE: Saturday, February 9
TIME: 3:00 pm
LOCATION: Scanlan FL2, Conference Room

Please RSVP to Brenda Martinez at 435-632-8826

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será a beneficio de los proyectos de la Iglesia Católica de Saint George.
Gracias por su apoyo
Scripture Readings for the Week of February 3

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 [cf. 27b]/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

In affirmation of January being Pro-Life month a group of parishioners—about 30 or so—joined together on the 20th, to pray the scriptural rosary and say other prayers for the protection of the unborn. We also sang a few songs to the Blessed Mother. It was beautiful and inspiring. This will be an annual event, so prepare to join us next year. Many thanks to all the people that were there this year for the babies.

~submitted by Adele McDaniel

More photos …

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