

A Lenten Meditation

A campfire warms you in the cold night air. In silence and solitude you reflect on questions: “Who am I?” “Where am I going?” “What must I do now?” The campfire dies down, it crackles no more, and there are only ashes.

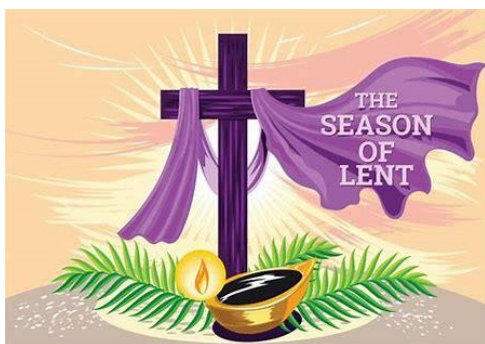


On Ash Wednesday, we began the great season of Lent. We reflect on the core values of our Christian faith, the rhythm of death and new life. Ashes indicate there was once fire. The fire is now gone. We go to the source to be inflamed again. God is fire; without God, we are ashes.

The Lord says, “Return to me with all your heart!” In other words, “Come in out of the cold and warm up!” God pleads for our return. “Now is the acceptable time!” says Paul. Don’t wait. Come and light the fire. The gospel gives us the spiritual tools of almsgiving, prayer, and fasting for bringing cold embers back to life.

Hike into the furthest reaches of your heart. What has gone to ashes? Prayer? Discipleship? Enthusiasm? Joy? Hope? Trust? Perhaps we need to fast from noise and busyness in order to hear God speaking in the silence. Perhaps we need to fast from television and entertainment in order to hear God in the cries of the poor and the stranger. As you leave the campfire, what is in your backpack? Let us walk toward the blazing energy and promise of Easter fire.

Rev. Robert F. Dueweke, OSA



Stations of the Cross



We have Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays (**Spanish**) at 6:45pm and Fridays (**English**) at 7:00pm in the Church.

Knights of Columbus



The KC are hosting an “*All you can Eat*” Fish Fry Dinner every Friday during Lent from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Parish Hall. The cost (includes tea and dessert) will be \$10 and \$5 children (12 and under).

Meeting

The KC will meet **Thursday, March 14th** at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday.



Deacon James Starr
Rosann Kinkaid
Maria Landaverde
Jovita de la Garza
Becca Elliott
Bob Rowland
Judy Aloï
Henry Taft
Claire Taft
Frances LaPoint
Blaine Miller
Richard Lyon
Bobbie Goelden
Robbie W.
Anthony Hernandez

Nick Morales, Sr.
Barbara Meshell
Wayne Meshell
Elmer Marsden
Mike Ecklund
Colleen Eldred
Joan Bohl
Crystal Sanchez
Laura Westbrook
Maci Wallace
Freddy Kasper
Kenneth Elliott
Ricardo Valdez
Lucio Carmona

The Week Ahead

††† Masses
For The Week

Sunday, March 10

9:15 AM NO R.E. Classes

Monday, March 11

1:00 PM Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John
7:00 PM Grupo de Oración @ Casa St. John

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 AM NO Daily Mass
6:30 PM NO R.E. classes

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 AM NO Daily Mass
6:30 PM NO R.E. Classes

Thursday, March 14

8:00 AM NO Daily Mass
7:00 PM RCIA classes

Friday, March 15

6:00 PM KC Fish Fry
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9

4:00 PM †Francisco Solis by Elsie & Paul Rittmuller

Sunday, March 10

8:00 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM †Paula Nevares by Carmen Sifuentes & Family
12:15 PM †Ramiro Velasquez – En Memorial de su 2º año de Fallecimiento (2-18) Int. de Teresa Velasquez E hijos

Saturday, March 16

4:00 PM †Richard Collier by Jim & Mary Leeker

Sunday, March 17

8:00 AM †Francisco Solis by Wife & Children
10:30 AM †Valente Briones Jr. by Family
12:15 PM Pro Populo

Last Week's Collection

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| Last Week's Collection: | \$7,173.93 |
| 2nd Coll. (Parish Improvement Fund): | 4,548.55 |
| FY' 18-19 Budgeted Average: | 6,621.63 |
| FY' 18-19 Average Sunday Coll. thru 02/28/19: | 6,743.36 |
| Candles: | 107.00 |
| Attendance: | 825 |

**Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of
March 16/17**

Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm Melody Zimmer/Cathy Burton
Sun. 8:00am Seth Jungman
Sun. 10:30am Bill Bedrick/Shelilah Dean

Extraordinary Ministers:

Sat. 4:00pm Karen Mathers/James Zimmer/Suzy McCook
Sun. 8:00am Michael Gumler/Mary Pat Samuels/Lou Roberts
Robin Truett/Marianne Marsden
Sun. 10:30am Bill Bedrick/Argie Benavidez
Bud McClure/Shelilah Dean

Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Sherry Goelden*/Steve R./Paul M./Debbie P.
Sun. 8:00am Cindy Kelley*/David B./Robert B./Rachel H.
Sun. 10:30am Steve Hernandez*/Dennis C./Richard Jr./Erik A.

Mass Intentions



Sound Catholic practice encourages us to offer the Mass for the departed and for those in any need. To request a Mass to be offered, please visit the parish office or return to the office a completed Mass intention card. Available cards are in the foyer of the church.

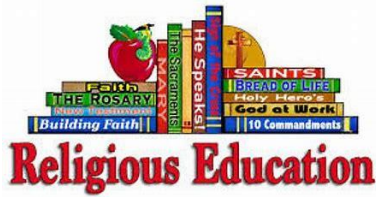
Anointing of the Sick



Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Orosco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.

Reporting Abuse:

First, notify local law enforcement. Second notify the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services through the Texas Abuse Hotline (1-800-252-5400 or www.texasabusehotline.org) Finally, if the allegation involves a member of the clergy or an employee of a parish or the Diocese, please notify the Diocese of Dallas Victims Assistance Coordinator, Barbara Landregan at 214-379-2812.



March Calendar:

Sunday: 10, 17, 24, & 31
 Tuesday: 12, 19 & 26
 Wednesday: 13, 20 & 27

NO CLASSES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Sunday: 10 & 17 (Spring Break)
 Tuesday: 12 (Spring Break)
 Wednesday: 13 (Spring Break)

St. John the Apostle High School Youth



We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. All teens in grades 9-12 are always welcome! Please check out the church Facebook site www.facebook.com/stjohnterrell/

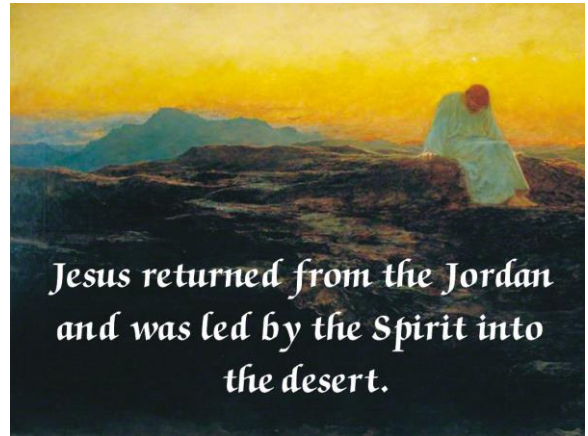


Please pray for our high school youth. They will be attending their retreat at The Pines Camp March 15-17. All high school age teens are invited! Sign up NOW with Michelle. I hear there is a new zip line!

If you are in high school confirmation, and DID NOT make the confirmation retreat, this is a mandatory retreat for you. Call Michelle for details. If you loved your Confirmation Retreat, join us again!

Please watch the bulletins for upcoming fundraisers for the Youth Group. If you want to sponsor a teen for an event, please contact Michelle in the church office for information.

First Week of Lent



On the **First Sunday of Lent**, as we begin our Lenten journey, we recall in the reading from the book of **Deuteronomy** how God was faithful to Israel, leading them out of Egypt to a land of “milk and honey.” **Luke's gospel** gives us the temptation of Jesus when he was “led by the Spirit” into the desert. Jesus resists the devil. “You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”

After last week's first four days, the next three weeks of Lent represent a period of instruction, originally designed for the Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil). We can read these readings as a catechism of renewal for us all.

The first weekday reading of week one is the great giving of the Commandments: “Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.” Jesus gives the great parable about the last judgment - separating the charitable from the uncharitable: “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Then, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. He says that it is an evil generation that looks for “signs.” He is the sign - a call to repentance. On the day we hear the desperate but faith-filled prayer of **Esther**, Jesus tells us to pray confidently. And he sums up the whole law and the prophets for us: “Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.” Jesus says our holiness has to go beyond the letter-of-the-law holiness; it must touch our anger, our judgments of others, and be reconciled with those we've wronged. The holiness Jesus proposes for us calls us to love our enemies, even to pray for those who persecute us. We are called to love the way God does.

“TODO ESTO SERÁ TUYO...”



Jesús, conducido por el Espíritu Santo, permaneció en el desierto cuarenta días y ahí fue tentado por el demonio. El Señor lo rechazó con la Palabra de Dios.

- ❖ Al rezar el Padrenuestro, pedimos: “no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal”.
- ❖ Y el Catecismo de la Iglesia católica nos enseña: “En esta petición, el mal no es una abstracción, sino que designa una persona, Satanás, el Maligno, el ángel que se opone a Dios. El ‘diablo’ es aquel que ‘se atraviesa’ en el designio de Dios y su ‘obra de salvación’ cumplida en Cristo” (CCE 2851).
- ❖ El diablo también nos hace la guerra a los que creemos en Cristo, y nos presenta todo tipo de tentaciones, para alejarnos de Dios y de nuestra salvación eterna.
- ❖ Haciéndonos creer que hay cosas más importantes que Dios.
- ❖ Llevándonos a servir a falsos dioses, como el poder, el dinero, el placer, la abundancia de bienes materiales...
- ❖ Usurpando el lugar de Dios.
- ❖ Diciéndonos que podemos manipular a Dios, con la falsa esperanza de que hará cuanto le pidamos, aunque no vaya de acuerdo con su santa voluntad.

Que el Señor nos ayude a vencer, como él, en nuestras tentaciones.

Los Caballeros de Colon



años y menos).

Los Caballeros de Colon los invitan a su **“Cena de Pescado Frito”** cada viernes durante la Cuaresma de 6:00-8:00pm en el Salón Parroquial. El costo (incluye té y postre) es de \$10 adultos y \$5 niños (12

Vía Crucis

Todos los miércoles durante la Cuaresma tendremos el Vía Crucis en español a las 6:45pm en la Iglesia.



Grupo de Oración

El Grupo de Oración se reúnen cada lunes a las 7pm en la Casa San Juan.



Unción de los Enfermos



Si usted o alguien que usted conozca está necesitado en recibir comunión o el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos favor de llamar al Padre Orosco en la oficina de la Iglesia al número 972-563-3643.

Clases Pre-Bautismales



Tenemos clases Pre-Bautismales cada primer sábado del mes a las 6:00pm en el Salón Parroquial. Para más información llamar a la oficina.

Reportar abuso:

Primero, notifique a la policía local. Segundo notificar al Departamento de servicios familiares y de protección de Texas a través de la línea directa de abuso de Texas (1-800-252-5400 o www.texasabusehotline.org) finalmente, si la acusación involucra a un miembro del clero o a un empleado de una parroquia o de la diócesis, por favor notifique la Coordinadora de asistencia a víctimas de la diócesis de Dallas, Barbara Landregan al 214-379-2812.



La Doctrina



Calendario del mes de Marzo:

Clase de Domingo: 10, 17, 24 y 31

Clase de los Martes: 12, 19 y 26

Clase de los Miércoles: 13, 20 y 27

15-17 de marzo es el retiro para la secundaria.

NO HAY CLASES EN LAS SIGUIENTES FECHAS:

Clase de Domingo: 10 y 17 (Vacaciones de Primavera)

Clase de los Martes: 12 (Vacaciones de Primavera)

Clase de los Miércoles: 13 (Vacaciones de Primavera)