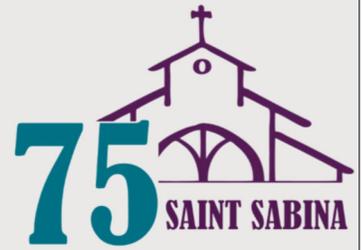


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Pictured is our 10:30 choir last Sunday. If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument in one of our choirs, please contact Susan Ratigan in the parish office.

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am in English, 12:30pm in Spanish

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:30pm

Visit our website for Holy Day and special Mass times.

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for February 25—March 1, 2019

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Genoveva Garcia
Wed.	11am	†Don Grieb (Carnegie Village)
Thurs.	8am	†Theo Suwito
Fri.	8am	Intentions of Rebecca Alvarez

Saturday, March 2, 2019

4:00pm Intentions of the Altar Society

Sunday, March 3, 2019

8:00am	†Richard "Dick" Garnier
10:30am	†Connie Read
12:30pm Spanish	†Julia Cedillo

From Death to New Life De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida

†**Don Grieb**, husband of Marilyn Grieb

†**Genoveva Garcia**, mother of Rita Lopez, Teresa Hernandez and Monica Garcia

†**Connie Read**

†**Orville Diehl**, father of Joyce Giacone



Calendar/Information

Sunday, February 24 - Domingo, 24 de Febrero

- 8:00am Elda's Compassion
- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 10:30am Bible Study
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión
- 2:00pm Evaluación de Celebración Guadaluana
- 2:00pm Search Team Meeting

Monday, February 25 - Lunes, 25 de Febrero

- 4:00pm Uplift
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 26 - Martes, 26 de Febrero

- 7:00pm Living Stones
- 7:00pm Equipo de Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Wednesday, February 27 - Miércoles, 27 de Febrero

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 11:00am Mass at Carnegie Village
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
- 7:00pm Confirmation Sponsor Night

Thursday, February 28 - Jueves, 28 de Febrero

- 6:55am High School Youth Prayer Breakfast
- 9:30am Piecemakers Quilting Group
- 7:00pm RCIA/RICA

Friday, March 1 - Viernes, 1 de Marzo

- 8:30am Adoration
- 6:00pm Search Retreat

Saturday, March 2 - Sábado, 2 de Marzo

- Search Retreat
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, March 3 - Domingo, 3 de Marzo

- Search Retreat
- 8:00am Blood Drive
- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión

Hearing Assistance Devices Available

One of the great features of our upgraded sound system is the new Hearing Assistance System. The system works using infrared signals that are sent to a receiver you wear clipped on your shirt pocket or hung around your neck. You can check out a device with either an earbud or headphones. If you have a hearing aid with T-coil compatibility, a neck loop is available to use that will send the sound directly through your hearing aid. The sound you hear through the earbud or headphones is exactly what is being sent to the speakers. Those who have used them are very pleased and describe the sound as being extremely clear. They say it is very easy to understand the spoken word.

If you have a bit of trouble hearing clearly at Mass, try the new hearing assistance devices! Ushers will be present in the gathering space to check devices out before Masses. If you don't see them, please ask.



Blood Drive—March 3

Blood is a precious resource with a limited shelf life. Red blood cells must be used within 42 days. Platelets must be used within five days. Plasma can be frozen and stored for up to one year. Please share your gift of life with local hospital patients who need it by donating at the next Community Blood Center blood drive. The blood drive will be held from 8am-1pm on Sunday, March 3 in the gym. Make an appointment online today using group code "MA" at savealifenow.org/group.



Parish Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

As we continue our video series on the Christian creeds, this week's DYK video addresses the



issue of why we claim that Jesus came to die for our sins. Traditionally, we have affirmed that Jesus came primarily to offer himself up to God and die for our sins. However, another stream in our tradition, based on Franciscan spirituality, affirms that becoming human was God's plan from the beginning, a plan that started with creation out of love and a desire of God to be ultimately and intimately one with all of creation. God became human in Jesus to be intimately one with us and to show us how God desires us to live and act. Jesus' values and life style are the model that humans are intended to imitate. But they proved to be so challenging and counter cultural for the people of his day that some of them decided to do away with him. Jesus died because of the way he lived, and the way he challenged us to live. But in the resurrection, God affirmed Jesus' way of life as the criterion for all humanity, and raised Jesus up to the honored right hand of the Father, from which he will come to welcome all those who model themselves on him into God's eternal kingdom. Make time to view this week's DYK video and reflect on the kind of life style that Jesus models for us and the challenge that it generates.

happy birthday

Eugene Adams	Duane Kennedy	Erika Ramos
Gaby Aguirre	Greg Kenyon	Delaney Rewald
Joan Almaguer	Amanda Lager	Luis Rios
Cristian Andrade	Angie Lopez	Faustino Rocha
Nathan Ayers	Janeth Lopez	Rosa Rocha
Allison Benavides	Ray Malisos	Elizabeth Rocha
Christopher Bornheimer	Rachel Mancilla	Fatima Rodriguez
Jessica Chavez	Tiffany Mayerchack	Flor Rodriguez
Judy Curtis	Yalesia Medina	Jovany Rojas
Jamie Duncan	Vismar Medina	Omar Rojas
Cooper Duncan	Maria Medrano	Oscar Rosales
Amy Duran	Kendall Mittelstadt	Briseida SanJuan
Jorge Franco	Annette Motsinger	Mary Sellmeyer
Glenda Galvez	Jennifer Orozco	Kenneth Soto
Michael Grantham	Teresa Ortega	Oscar Soto
David Guardado	Kathleen Owen	Ava Spiller
Jeanne Hermsmeier	Sara Palomares	Kimber Stegner
Genoveva Hinojos	Juliette Peraza	Douglas Strope
Paulina Hintz	Joe Potts	Marcial Trejo
Maria Jaime	Carlos Ramirez	Kevin Washam

Green Team Tip of the Week

Find out how to support your local economy by attending the Farmers and Artisans Showcase on March 2 from 9am - 12noon at the Peculiar Lions Club sponsored by Cass County Sustainability Committee.

<https://cassrecycle.wordpress.com/2019/02/12/local-farmers-artisans-showcase/>

Happy Anniversary

Marion and Mary Biondo	54 Years!	2/27/1965
James and Cheri Effertz	54 Years!	2/27/1965
Peter and Renee Kerckhoff	39 Years!	2/29/1980
Harry Gurin and Louise Large-Gurin	24 Years!	2/26/1995
Theodore and Shelli Miller	20 Years!	3/3/1999
Gabriel and Maricela Pinon	14 Years!	2/26/2005
Adam and Jordan Martin	6 Years!	3/2/2013

Blest Art Sale—March 2-3

Blest Art is honored to represent Christian craftsmen from Bethlehem, Palestine. These families rely on selling their olive wood carvings as the main source of income, a cultural tradition of Palestinian Christians for centuries. However, in the year 2000, as a result of 100 years of political conflict, violent conflict erupted in the Holy Land. Consequently, there was a great decline in the number of pilgrims coming to purchase these beautiful works of art, resulting in a severe reduction in income for those families who rely on selling their handicrafts to pilgrims. This lack of income has led to miserable living conditions. Curfews, roadblocks, and the wall of separation have forced many Christians to flee the Holy Land in search for a better life. Blest Art came to the U.S. in an effort to find alternative markets for those needy families. Blest Art does not accept any donations, but accomplishes its goals by visiting parishes and giving parishioners the chance to purchase unique gifts of religious art from the Holy Land. Blest Art will be here the weekend of March 2-3 and have items for sale after each Mass in the gathering space. For more information, please visit their website, www.BlestArt.org.



Information



St. Sabina 2019 Lenten Faith Formation Sessions:

Lent is a time to renew and immerse ourselves in our Baptismal call and commitment. The call to holiness, to take on the mind and heart of Christ in all our words and actions, is at the heart of our baptismal commitment as the Lord's disciples. This call and commitment continually spurs us on to deepen our awareness of and response to our God who invites us into a loving relationship from the first moment of our existence.

During Lent, St. Sabina will offer five sessions designed to familiarize ourselves with Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Rejoice and Be Glad (Gaudete et Exsultate): On the Call to Holiness in Today's World*. The document is reader-friendly and a true and sure guide on how we are called to exercise our baptismal commitment in our daily living. Francis clearly reminds us that it is in those small things of life that holiness is cultivated and embraced.

The sessions are scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 7-9 PM beginning March 13 and ending on April 10. The sessions will be repeated on Thursday mornings from 10 AM -12 PM beginning March 14 and ending on April 11. All are welcomed to make time this Lent to enter more deeply into our Baptismal call to holiness. More information and registration is available in the gathering space.

Fish Fries—Fridays, 5-7pm

Our Knights of Columbus are once again hosting fish fries on Fridays during Lent. Menu will include: fried fish, lemon butter baked fish, Cajun baked fish, hush puppies, corn on the cob, garlic potatoes, French fries, cole slaw, meatless spaghetti, bread, and a dessert table. Prices: Adults \$11, Seniors \$10, Children \$6, Family \$36 \$1 off a meal if 5 or more canned food items are donated.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

We will have an English Mass at 8am on Wednesday, March 6 and a bilingual Mass at 7pm on Wednesday, March 6.



Beginning Experience Weekend: A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change - March 8-10

Precious Blood Renewal Center: 2120 St Gaspar Way, Liberty, 64068. A healing weekend, open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org, email: register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Lori 913.980.7966.

What's Different about Jesuit Education and Ignatian Formation? March 7th

Join the Jesuit Friends and Alumni Network of Kansas City for a breakfast conversation with Rockhurst High School President David Laughlin on Thursday, March 7th at 7am at Rockhurst High School Hawklets Center. David has spent his adult life serving in Jesuit education and promoting Ignatian spirituality. David's presentation is aimed at those in the KC Jesuit community, whose lives have been influenced by Jesuit education and/or spirituality. His talk will highlight the purpose of Jesuit education and Ignatian formation as a call to leadership, and the foundational concepts and strategies used by Jesuits for centuries and today to engage and encounter the world. The morning will include a breakfast buffet and a time for networking. David's talk will follow and end by 8:30 am. This event is open to all local alumni, parents, and friends of Jesuit high schools and universities. For more information or to register for this event, please visit <https://jfan-kc.eventbrite.com> or jesuitfankc@gmail.com.

75th Anniversary Coffee Table Book and Pictorial Directory

This year marks the 75th anniversary of our parish. As a part of our celebration, we will publish a special anniversary coffee table book/pictorial directory. We invite you to purchase a

space in this special edition directory to insert your own memories or memorials. Contact Bridget in the parish office with questions or to reserve your space. **The deadline for ads is March 31.** Family photography will take place April 2-13 and we hope to have the book completed by fall.

75th Anniversary Coffee Table Book and Pictorial Directory

Memory and Memorial ad spaces available:

Full Page - \$200
Half Page - \$120
Quarter Page - \$70



Contact Bridget in the office for details. Business ad spaces are also available; contact Bridget for pricing.



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Feb 27	11:00am	Carnegie Village
Mar 6	10:30am	Beautiful Savior <i>Communion Service</i>
Mar 13	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Anna Anderson	Laverne Harlow	Doug Pritchett
Dick Armstrong	Connie Harper	Rita Pruitt
Pauline Bellm	Cherie Hatfield	Thelma Putnam
John Bidondo	Beth Heide	Sherman Ragsdale
George Bremer	Rhonda Henke	Larry Rhodes
Maxine Bremer	Morgan Hilliard	Amy Ritchie
Roger Brown	John Hirt	Jim Ruffini
Sheila Brown	Shayla Hoffman	Anna Ryan
Joyce Callahan	John Holden	Ron Schock
John Caoile	Gale Holsman	Barry Sellmeyer
John Cikan	Cecilia Imming	Brenda Sheppard
Cindy Circo	Lisa January	Brian Sheppard
Joseph Coots	Araceli Jimenez	Doris Shields
Rikki DeVaul	John Jongenelen	Kathy Shields
Nolan Dickerson	Kathy Keary	Lois Simpson
Marcia DiGeorge	Don Kueck	Michelle Soto
Steven DiGeorge	Darrell Littler	Baby Stone
Jim Dillon	Ray Malisos	Kayla Stone
Kelly Dirks	Angela Maria	Rita Stout
Paula Dull	Jamie Martinez	Ursula Suwito
Judy Giannini	Leslie McDowell	Svoboda Family
Kelly Hall	Janet Moorman	Jean Tate
Emily Emke-Hayes	Harry Muench	Joe Taylor
Terry Eppert	Joan Muench	Angel Thomas
Dave Feller	Bella Nouryeh	Bruce Thompson
Jean Frank	Ezequil Olarte	Priscilla Tristani
Cheryl Frezza	Thelma Palmer	Mary Westfall
Jim Frezza	George Panebianco	Marie Wilburn
Sergio Gallardo	Harry Peckham	Travis Woods
Al Gebauer	Juanita Peckham	Jeanette Woolworth
Ginny Hailey	David Pierce	Carmitia Yust
Cathy Hall	Gary Prendergast	Debra Zayas

Self-Help Grief Group at St. Sabina

Who Should Attend? Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. The loss does not need to be recent. Friends and family are welcome.

What is a Self-Help Group? A self-help group consists of a facilitator and a group of people with shared experiences. Someone in the group knows something another needs to know, someone may have a piece of wisdom someone else needs to hear. A mutual-help group is like a potluck-everyone brings something, and no one goes away hungry. It is a place for Mekom hanekhama—the Hebrew for “a safe place to grieve,” a safe place to put words to your grief.

Where? This group will meet at St. Sabina Parish in our conference room.

When? Tuesday mornings, March 12 - April 16 from 10:00-11:30 am. There are six sessions, each designed around a particular focus.

Why? Everyone needs a safe place to share their story. The group encourages grieving people to honestly express their feelings, encourages griever to pay attention to their grief and helps grieving individuals recognize and process their feelings.

How To Register: Please contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org. All calls are confidential. Space is limited to 8 participants per group. Registration deadline is March 5.

We are changed by those we love who have left us, because we were formed by them while they were here.

Wellness Center



Do You Know... these guidelines for storing food? Whether putting food in the refrigerator, the freezer, or the cupboard, here are 4 steps to keep you and your food safe!

- Put open packages in air tight storage containers in the pantry or the refrigerator.
- Whether it is the bag of cereal for breakfast, or the bag of shredded cheese in the refrigerator, air tight storage is a must. Using proper air tight storage will protect your foods in and out of the refrigerator.
- Periodically check to make sure your refrigerator and freezer are adequately cold.
- Make sure the temperature settings are correct.

Cool hot foods before refrigerating or freezing them. Make sure you bring the temperature of the food down before placing it in either the refrigerator or freezer. Placing hot foods into the fridge or freezer can change the temperature of the entire freezer or refrigerator.

Label all freezer meals and leftovers with dates. Label the containers you store food in with a date when it was cooked and stored. Labeling will help you know what needs to be eaten or used immediately, and what is safe to eat later.

Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours of cooking.

All foods should be stored in the refrigerator or freezer within 2 hours of cooking.



Stewardship

“To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.”

Luke 6: 27-30

Jesus' words in today's Gospel are challenging. However, if we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view, then not only does it seem doable, it actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means “my” cloak, “my” tunic, “my” money and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory. Does this mean we are to be passive “doormats” to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love! — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Contributions for February 17

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$10,338.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 820.83
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 624.00
Catholic Charities:	\$ 2,078.41

Delegation to El Salvador

In July of 2019 we plan to take a delegation to El Salvador to participate in the annual scholarship retreat. Along with our students in Cinquera, 17 other municipalities in El Salvador have students receiving scholarships to attend either high school or university. At the scholarship retreat, there will be 2-3 students from each municipality come together to share their experiences. Our travel dates will be July 8-15, 2019. Please contact Kris if you are interested in attending or would like more information. kris@stsabinaparish.org or 816-979-3151.

Contribution Statements for the Year 2018

Contribution statements for the year 2018 have been either mailed or emailed to those who have previously indicated they wish to receive them that way. If you would like to receive your statement by mail or email, please contact Jeff Shields in the parish office. Otherwise, statements can be downloaded online using the "My Own Church" feature. You can find "My Own Church" in the "About Us" section of our parish website (www.stsabinaparish.org). To register a user name, click "new user" under the login boxes and fill out the form. Once submitted, we will be notified that a new user has registered, and once you have been confirmed, a temporary password will be emailed to the email address that you provided. You can choose your own password when you login the first time. Once logged in, click "My Offering" and then "Giving History." You can choose the year and then click the green download button to the right to download your statement. If you forgot your user name or password or have any questions regarding My Own Church or contribution statements, please contact Jeff Shields in the parish office: 816-979-3152, jeffshields@stsabinaparish.org.

Community Garden Update

The Community Garden needs straight t posts, cattle panels, rolls of 4 inch cage wire and rolls of hardware cloth. Please contact David Pierce 816-392-1110 or Michelle Rose 919-624-4407 with questions or donations.

CRS Rice Bowls

Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl in the gathering space beginning Wednesday, March 6. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!

A Note from Fr. Jerry Beat

Dear Parishioners of St. Sabina: I am Fr. Jerry Beat who was honored to celebrate the Masses with you two weeks ago. I want to thank all of you very much for your kindness to me and Unbound. Because of your generous response to my invitation to sponsor a child, youth, or elderly there are now 24 poor families whose lives have been injected with new HOPE. That will make a big difference for them and your lives will be more graced with God's love. Others can still sponsor online at www.unbound.org. Again Muchas Gracias to you, your pastor, Fr. Jeff, and all who helped me in any way.



Youth Ministry

Youth News

Thursday Morning Donuts! Every Thursday that Belton High School is in session, Kirstie will have donuts and a little prayer for High School youth heading to school. The Youth Office doors will open at 6:55am for kids to stop in on their way to school.

Confirmation Candidates! All youth enrolled in the Confirmation program must have a Sponsor to join them on the journey to the sacrament of Confirmation. There will be once a month meetings which are listed on the Youth Calendar which is available on the parish website. A sponsor is an adult Catholic who is confirmed, in good standing with the Catholic church and who is available to attend the meetings with the youth. It is not recommended that a parent serve as a sponsor. Our next Sponsor Night will be February 27th from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kirstie Roberts.

Elda's Compassion—Free First Communion Apparel

Elda's Compassion is a family run community service project that was started by two sisters who needed a Senior project. They asked everyone they knew to donate gently used First Communion dresses, suits and accessories so they could set up little boutiques in churches where there may be a need. Everything is free. The inventory has grown tremendously as some of our parishioners and other churches where they have served have brought dresses and suits back or simply donated to the cause. Elda's Compassion will return to St. Sabina on Sunday, February 24th from 8am to 12pm in the Parish Hall. Feel free to browse for Communion apparel, say hello to the Hogan family or bring a donation.



saint snippets

I have accepted this life of sacrifice because I know that Christ is in the poor.

Bl. Mariam Vattalil
20th-century Indian religious sister who devoted herself to catechetical formation and social justice

February 25

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Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. **Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and**
2. **Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and**
3. **After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.**

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsjatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

WE TRIED BEING ENEMIES, BUT BEING FRIENDS IS MORE FUN

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." Lk 6:27-28

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Reflection on the Readings

Being merciful and compassionate towards those who have hurt, abused or mistreated us is not the way most of us react. In these situations, being merciful is not a natural response for us. Our typical response would be to do to the other what has been done to us, and then some. **Today's readings acknowledge the difficulty of being merciful and compassionate towards an enemy, and yet they still insist that such is the way of our God.** If we claim to be disciples of the Lord, then we too are to be merciful and compassionate towards all, as is our God.

Responsorial Psalm 103 invites us to affirm and proclaim, "The Lord is kind and merciful." The psalm's verses call upon us to bless the Lord for forgiving, healing and manifesting kindness and compassion towards us even when we do not deserve it. **Our God is always "slow to anger and abounding in kindness," no matter how we respond to God's love invitation.** The refrain opens a window to the key themes of the other readings.

The gospel continues Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount, specifying for us what living in imitation of God is all about. We are challenged to "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" who "is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." We are called to go beyond what is expected or required of us in our dealings with one another. We are to be as loving, merciful, and forgiving towards others as God is towards us. Such demands are truly counter cultural and often very difficult for us to activate. Yet the readings insist that this is what discipleship demands.

Luke's Jesus offers us an image of God which presents significant challenges. Our God is kind and merciful to all. There is no one who is outside of God's love and relationship. There is no one who is excluded from God's love, mercy, and compassion. No matter how people respond to God's loving invitation, God is always there, loving, merciful, kind and compassionate. **God's love is totally and freely given to all. God holds nothing back. Most especially God's love is never taken back or withheld. Jesus asks us to model ourselves on these qualities of God, as we deal and interact with others in our daily lives.**

David's dealing with Saul, in the first reading from 1 Samuel, provides an excellent example of applying this image of God to our daily living and interactions. **David goes against his natural inclinations to hurt Saul who was out to kill him. That must have been most difficult to do. Yet David maintains that such is the way of the Lord.** Paul, in our second reading from 1 Corinthians, reminds us that being connected to the risen Christ, we are no longer to act in a merely material, earthly manner but rather we are called to be and act like our God. **In Christ, our humanity is so transformed, that to be truly human as Christ was, is to be truly God-like.**

We encounter many situations in life where we have been hurt and mistreated by others. We all have a list of people that we want nothing to do with, because of the way they have treated us or others. At our worst, we hope and pray that what they have done to us or others, might rebound back on them many times over. **As disciples modeling ourselves on Jesus, we are to counter those temptations by exercising mercy, compassion, reconciliation and healing.**

How do you live and act in imitation of the indiscriminate love, kindness and forgiveness that God has showered upon you? Does your love boldly manifest non-discrimination? How is your love freely, totally and indiscriminately carried out in your everyday dealings with others? **Are the enemy, the terrorist, the unjust and the oppressor part of your love interests? These are challenging reflections that help us prepare well for the coming season of Lent, and the transformation required of us so that we can truly work at being "merciful, just as your Father is merciful."**

Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate

Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, February 24

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Sunday, March 3

1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Psalm: Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we offer study sessions that provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **Our next Bible Study dates are February 24 and March 10 at 10:30am in the conference room.** All are welcome; bring a Bible. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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Ser misericordioso y compasivo con los que nos han lastimado o maltratado no es la manera en que la mayoría de nosotros reaccionamos. En estas situaciones, ser misericordioso no es una respuesta natural para nosotros. Nuestra respuesta típica sería hacer al otro lo que se nos ha hecho, y hasta más. **Las lecturas de hoy reconocen la dificultad de ser misericordioso y compasivo con un enemigo, y aún así insisten en que ese es el camino de nuestro Dios.** Si decimos ser discípulos del Señor, entonces también debemos ser misericordiosos y compasivos con todos, como lo es nuestro Dios.

El Salmo responsorial 103 nos invita a afirmar y proclamar: "El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso". Los versos del salmo nos llaman a bendecir al Señor por perdonar, sanar y manifestar bondad y compasión hacia nosotros, incluso cuando no lo merecemos. **Nuestro Dios siempre es "lento a la ira y rico en clemencia", sin importar cómo respondamos a la invitación de amor de Dios.** El refrán abre una ventana a los temas claves de las otras lecturas.

El evangelio continúa la versión de Lucas del Sermón del Monte, especificando para nosotros de qué se trata vivir en imitación de Dios. Tenemos el desafío de ser "misericordiosos, como su Padre es misericordioso", quien "es bueno hasta con los malos y los ingratos". Estamos llamados a ir más allá de lo que se espera o se nos exige en nuestros tratos con los demás. Debemos ser tan amorosos, misericordiosos y perdonadores hacia los demás como Dios lo es para nosotros. Tales demandas son verdaderamente contraculturales y a menudo muy difíciles de activar. Sin embargo, las lecturas insisten en que esto es lo que exige el discipulado.

El Jesús de Lucas nos ofrece una imagen de Dios que presenta desafíos significativos. Nuestro Dios es amable y misericordioso con todos. No hay nadie que esté fuera del amor y la relación de Dios. No hay nadie que esté excluido del amor, la misericordia y la compasión de Dios. No importa cómo responda la gente a la invitación amorosa de Dios, Dios siempre está ahí, amoroso, misericordioso, amable y compasivo. **El amor de Dios es totalmente y libremente dado a todos. Dios no retiene nada. Más especialmente, el amor de Dios nunca está quitado o retenido. Jesús nos pide que nos modelemos en estas cualidades de Dios, mientras tratamos e interactuamos con otros en nuestra vida diaria.**

El trato de David con Saúl, en la primera lectura de 1 Samuel, es un excelente ejemplo de cómo aplicar esta imagen de Dios a nuestra vida e interacciones diarias.

David va en contra de sus inclinaciones naturales de lastimar a Saúl quien estaba dispuesto a matarlo. Eso debe haber sido lo más difícil de hacer. Sin embargo, David sostiene que tal es el camino del Señor. Pablo, en nuestra segunda lectura de 1 Corintios, nos recuerda que al estar conectados con Cristo resucitado, ya no debemos actuar de manera meramente material y terrenal, sino que estamos llamados a ser y actuar como nuestro Dios. **En Cristo, nuestra humanidad está tan transformada, que ser verdaderamente humano como lo fue Cristo, es ser verdaderamente semejante a Dios.**

Encontramos muchas situaciones en la vida en las que hemos sido lastimados y maltratados por otros. Todos tenemos una lista de personas con las que no queremos tener nada que ver, debido a la forma en que nos han tratado a nosotros o a los demás. En el peor de los casos, esperamos y rezamos por venganza de todo lo que nos han hecho a nosotros o a los demás. **Como discípulos modelando a nosotros mismos en Jesús, debemos contrarrestar esas tentaciones ejerciendo misericordia, compasión, reconciliación y sanación.**

¿Cómo vive y actúa imitando el amor indiscriminado, la bondad y el perdón que Dios ha derramado sobre usted? ¿Su amor manifiesta audazmente la no discriminación? ¿Cómo se realiza su amor de manera libre, total e indiscriminada en sus tratos cotidianos con los demás? ¿El enemigo, el terrorista, el injusto y el opresor son parte de sus intereses amorosos? Estas son reflexiones desafiantes que nos ayudan a prepararnos bien para la próxima temporada de Cuaresma y la transformación que se requiere de nosotros para que podamos trabajar verdaderamente para ser "misericordiosos, como su Padre es misericordioso".

Biagio Mazza, Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 24 de Febrero

Primera Lectura: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Salmo: Salmo 103 (102):1-2, 3-4, 8 y 10, 12-13

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 15:45-49

Evangelio: Lucas 6:27-38

Lecturas del Domingo, 3 de Marzo

Primera Lectura: Eclesiástico 27:5-8

Salmo: Salmo 92(91):2-3, 13-14, 15-16

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 15:54-58

Evangelio: Lucas 6:39-45

Noticias Juveniles

Donas los Jueves por la Mañana! Cada jueves que Belton High School tiene clases, Kirstie tendrá donas y hará oraciones con los jóvenes de High School antes de ir a la escuela. Las puertas de la Oficina de la Juventud se abrirán a las 6:45am para que los jóvenes pasen antes de la escuela.



¡Candidatos de la Confirmación! La próximo noche de Padrinos para la Confirmación será el 27 de febrero, 7-8:30pm en el Salón Parroquial. Se espera que todos los candidatos a la confirmación (jóvenes) y su padrino adulto asistan a estas reuniones. Si el padrino no puede asistir a una reunión con el joven, el joven todavía debe asistir. Si tienes dificultades para encontrar un padrino, póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la Juventud y ella estará encantada de encontrar a alguien para ti.

Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



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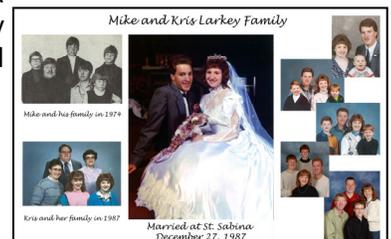
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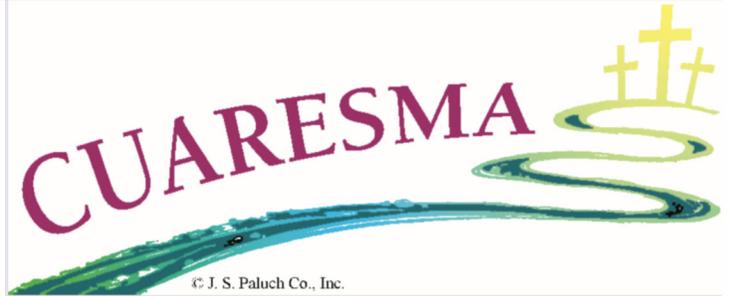
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En esta foto el Padre Jeff da una bendición a Marcela, hija de Carlos y Glenda, el domingo pasado.

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