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**Office Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday - Thursday and
9:00am-1:00pm, Friday**



Pictured is the Junior High Youth Group at their sports lock-in last weekend.

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

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First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for March 2-6, 2020

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	11am	Communion Service
Wed.	10:30am	†Joyce Paul Bresette (Beautiful Savior)
Thurs.	8am	Communion Service
Fri.	8am	Communion Service

Saturday, March 7, 2020

4:00pm †David Honigman

Sunday, March 8, 2020

8:00am	†Darrell Littler
	†Fr. Evan Harkins
10:30am	†Theo Suwito
12:30pm Spanish	Intenciones de Nuestra Familia Parroquial

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

†**Teresa Cable**, mother of Holly Keeton and Crystal Cable

†**Jeanette Sullivan**, sister of Jim Agnew

†**Beth Heide**, wife of David Heide, mother of Madison and Rhett Heide

†**Senny Vigil**, brother of Arlene Lally

†**Colleen Roberts**, mother of Bill Roberts, mother-in-law of Kirstie Roberts



Calendar/Information

Sunday, March 1 - Domingo, 1 de Marzo

Donut Sunday

9:00am	PSR/Parents Lounge
11:00am	Ensayo del Coro Hispano
11:00am	Escuela de Religión
7:00pm	Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Monday, March 2 - Lunes, 2 de Marzo

6:30pm	Cub Scout Den Meeting
7:00pm	Boy Scouts
7:00pm	Ensayo del Coro Hispano
7:00pm	Serra Club Meet and Greet

Tuesday, March 3 - Martes, 3 de Marzo

6:30pm	Tour of the Church Night—Recorrido de la Iglesia
7:00pm	Living Stones
7:00pm	Retiro de Evangelización

Wednesday, March 4 - Miércoles, 4 de Marzo

9:00am	Legion of Mary
10:30am	Mass at Beautiful Savior
11:00am	Over 55 Potluck and Truman Presentation
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
7:00pm	Faith Formation Offering: Little Known Biblical Narratives
7:00pm	Prayer and Life Workshop
7:00pm	Junior High Youth Group
7:00pm	Knights Business Meeting

Thursday, March 5 - Jueves, 5 de Marzo

6:45am	High School Youth Donuts and Prayer
9:30am	Piecemakers Quilt Group
10:00am	Faith Formation Offering: Little Known Biblical Narratives
6:00pm	Ensayo de Quince Años: Yoselin Ramirez
7:00pm	RCIA/RICA

Friday, March 6 - Viernes, 6 de Marzo

8:30am	Adoration—Adoración
5:00pm	Fish Fry
6:30pm	Stations of the Cross
7:00pm	Via Crucis

Saturday, March 7 - Sábado, 7 de Marzo

Parish Mission

1:00pm	Quince Años: Yoselin Ramirez
3:00pm	Confessions

Sunday, March 8 - Domingo, 8 de Marzo

Parish Mission

9:00am	PSR/Parents Lounge
10:30am	Bible Study
11:00am	Ensayo del Coro Hispano
11:00am	Escuela de Religión
1:30pm	Rosario de Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

happy birthday

Cristian Andrade	Karen Henrich	Estefany Ramirez
Rogelio Ayala	Paulina Hintz	Yoselin Ramirez
Joy Banks	Loreto Jopanda	Luis Rios
Marissa Carbaugh	Grace Kathol	Elizabeth Rocha
Wendy Carpio	Duane Kennedy	Flor Rodriguez
Wendy Castro	Greg Kenyon	Maria Rodriguez
Theresa Cervantes	Patrick Kies	Joel Rodriguez
Nancy Daire	Crisalida Laos	Manuela Rodriguez Chavez
Kenneth Daire	Janeth Lopez	Omar Rojas
John Driscoll	Marisol Martinez	Avatar Santana
Cooper Duncan	Jayden Martinez	Mary Sellmeyer
Jorge Franco	Kristie Michiels	Sofia Serrano
Karla Funes	Donn Mosman	Oscar Soto
Joshua Giaccone	Annette Motsinger	Michelle Soto
Joyce Giaccone	Luis Munoz	Kimber Stegner
Jaqueline Gonzalez	Noemi Napoles-Gnad	Doug Strobe
JoAnna Gonzalez	Rafael Nieves	Ursula Suwito
Michael Grantham	Lillian Oldham	Pamela Thurman
David Guardado	Andres Orozco	Jesus Tinoco
Yahir Guzman	Elena Ostrom	Jack Torres
Emily Hanover	Linda Peters	Marcial Trejo
Mark Haus	Rodrigo Pulido	Colin Van Brunt
Madison Heide	Allison Pulido	Donald Verhaalen
		Mary Westfall
		Staci Wilson

Happy Anniversary

Jorge and Leonar Huerta	31 Years!	3/4/1989
Theodore and Shelli Miller	21 Years!	3/3/1999
Jose Guardado and Ana Flores	12 Years!	3/8/2008
Adam and Jordan Martin	7 Years!	3/2/2013

This Week's Do You Know Video:

This week we interrupt our series on what it means to be "catholic" to focus on the Lenten Gospels for Lectionary Year A. The First Sunday of Lent, no matter the lectionary cycle, proclaims the temptation of Jesus in the desert. As we begin our forty day Lenten journey, we link our fast with Jesus' forty day fast in the desert. Some Jews in Matthew's Jewish community questioned the identity and legitimacy of Jesus as the Messiah. For Matthew, the temptation flows naturally from Jesus' baptism and is the culmination of Matthew's chapters 1-4 in which he clearly lays out the identity and credentials of Jesus as the long awaited Jewish Messiah. The temptations are Jesus' final test before beginning his public ministry of proclaiming the reign of God. Make time to view this week's DYK video and reflect on how Jesus handles temptations, and the model he offers us whenever we are confronted with temptations.



Lenten Information

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as we move from station to station. At each station, we recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day. Prayers are recited, and then we move to the next station until all 14 are complete.

You will see the images of Stations of the Cross located around the back walls of our sanctuary. We will pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent on February 28, March 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 6:30 PM in English and 7:00 PM in Spanish. This devotion is a great way to connect with the passion of Christ and meditate on the gift of salvation won for us through his suffering. Plan to join us for stations after you enjoy the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on Fridays this Lent.



Fish Fries

Our Knights of Columbus are once again hosting fish fries on Fridays, 5-7pm, during Lent. Menu will include: fried fish, lemon butter baked fish, Cajun baked fish, hush puppies, green beans, garlic potatoes, French fries, coleslaw, 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.

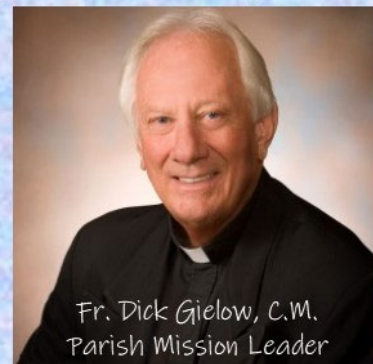


Do you think about heaven? Are you so involved in scurrying around with business, children, family, and social activities that you have little time for quiet contemplation with God?

A Mission is a time of special grace when God calls us into a deeper relationship with Him, a time for personal growth, a time to listen to God, a time of spiritual refreshment and invigoration.

Come, seek answers at our Parish Mission!

The mission will take place during weekend Masses March 7 & 8 and during Mass on the evenings of March 9, 10, & 11 at 7:00 PM. A reception will follow each evening Mass with a chance to visit with Fr. Gielow along with friends, family, community.



Fr. Dick Gielow, C.M.
Parish Mission Leader

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Mar 4	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Mar 11	10:30am	Benton House
Mar 18	11:00am	Carnegie Village

Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend April 24-26, 2020 at Precious Blood Renewal Center in Liberty, MO. This invitation is 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, or contact Laura 308-530-1873.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND - KMCI, channel 38 at 7:00 am Sundays. Is someone you love unable to join us at church. For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org.

Mental Health Resource Numbers

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Available 24/7

ACI Mental Health Crisis Hotline

1-888-279-8188 Available 24/7, Multilingual

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Christina Albarez	Ted Henry	Anna Ryan
Margaret Bannerman	Rhonda Henke	Ron Schock
Dennis Berg	Alex Henningsen	Andy Sheer
Jean Berg	Bob Henningsen	Jaxton Shipley
John Bidondo	Morgan Hilliard	Don Standley
Mary Pat Biondo	Richard Hoedl	Rachael Casady Smith
Betty Bremenkamp	Richard Huffman	Cleo Srader
Maxine Bremer	John Jongenelen	Wally Srader
Sheila Brown	Jack King	Marie Stinger
Joyce Callahan	Mary Kottenbrock	Lois Stogsdill
Patty Carr	Don Kueck	Rita Stout
Jackie Chiappetta	Emmy Long	Jean Tate
John Cikan	Kristy McClain	Joe Taylor
Joseph Coots	Ray Malisos	Priscilla Tristani
Toby Coyle	Laurie Marmon	Tierney VanMeter
Mark DeLuca	Bienvenido Martinez	Richard Vogel
Mark Deterding	Leonard Meiron	Amanda Votava
Paula Dull	Melba Mercier	Dorothea West
Terry Eppert	Janet Moorman	Mary Westfall
Jean Frank	Mark Parson	Sarah Wheeler
Bettianne Gardiner	George Panebianco	Jeanette Woolworth
Butch Geer	Diane Quinn	Merle Woolworth
Rita Ann Hand	Larry Rhodes	Carmitia Yust
Cherie Hatfield	Agustin Rivera	
Martha Healy	Michelle Rose	

Wellness Center

Did You Know -Sleep & relaxation offers us the chance to reset and restore our energy systems. Our physiology thrives when we have slept well as **sleep** impacts everything from hormones to emotions to energy levels. Research has shown that proper **sleep** can help us to regulate our emotions and reduces our tendency for reactivity. Good sleep habits (sometimes referred to as "sleep hygiene") can help you get a good night's sleep.

Here are some tips that can improve your sleep health:

- Be consistent. Go to bed at the same time each night and get up at the same time each morning.
- Make sure your bedroom is quiet, dark, relaxing, and at a comfortable temperature.
- Remove electronic devices, such as TVs, computers, and smart phones, from the bedroom.
- Avoid large meals, caffeine, and alcohol before bedtime.
- Get some exercise. Being physically active during the day can help you fall asleep more easily at night.

Say your prayers and prepare for a good night rest!



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Stewardship

"Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, 'All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.' At this, Jesus said to him, 'Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'"

Matthew 4: 8-10

Our Gospel passage from Matthew shows us by the example of Jesus Himself one way that we can attain spiritual strength and grow to become more effective disciples and stewards. In this passage, we find our Lord in the desert, fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. Like Adam and Eve, He is confronted by the evil one. But unlike our fallen parents, our Lord triumphs definitively over the devil's lies and sends him slithering away. How did He do it? By knowing the Scriptures and by proclaiming them confidently. And by His perfect trust in the Father. This Lent, let us embrace this 40-day spiritual reset. Let us prioritize our use of time by committing to prayerful study of the Scriptures and trusting more deeply in the Father's love. We will surely be better stewards by Easter. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Contributions for February 16

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$12,280.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,180.47
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 245.00
Catholic Charities:	\$ 1,832.80

Online Giving

St. Sabina offers an online giving option for parishioners and visitors. This is an easy, safe and secure way to make contributions online. To set up a one-time or recurring contribution: go to our parish website at www.stsabinaaparish.org, click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.



AmazonSmile Donations

Did you know that we are eligible to receive donations based on your Amazon purchases? Last quarter, we received donations based off of **over \$9,300** of your purchases and over \$12,500 of your purchases, cumulatively! Please remember this while doing your Amazon shopping! To support us in this way, be sure to do your Amazon shopping through smile.amazon.com and select "St. Sabina Catholic Church, Belton" as your charity of choice.



St. Sabina Fourth Annual Benefit Auction

Save the date! Grab your bell bottoms, zip up your jumpsuits and catch the *Disco Fever!* Join us for a funky night including great food, fun and competitive bidding to support our parish and its ministries on Friday, May 1, 2020. More details to come.

We need your help! In order to make this night "dyno-mite," we are asking for your help in procuring donations of new merchandise, sporting events, services, collectibles, time shares, entertainment, gift baskets, gift cards, or in-kind cash donations. Donations valued over \$75 will receive free advertising blocks in our auction catalog, up to a full-page ad depending on the item or service value. We also have plenty of volunteer opportunities! In addition to volunteers to help everything run smoothly during the auction, we will also need teams to help plan, procure, and decorate. If you can share your gifts with us in one of these ways, please contact the parish office.



Diaper Drive—March 21-29

Did you know that 1 in 5 Moms have extended the amount of time they leave their babies in wet or soiled diapers?



Our Love Thy Neighbor team is teaming up with Raymore Baby Grace again this year to help fight diaper need in our community. You can help by donating disposable or cloth diapers and wipes to our diaper drive on the weekends of March 21/22 and 28/29. Did your little one grow into a new diaper size and you have loose leftovers? We'll take open packages too!

Green Team Tip of the Week

Register for some or all of the free Gardening classes at High Blue Wellness presented by MU Master Gardeners on Thursdays 7pm – 8pm March 12 – April 19. Call 816-380-8460 to register.

Information

Are these books really in the Bible?

There are certain books of the Bible, especially the Hebrew Scripture/Old Testament, that most Christians either know nothing or very little about. These five sessions begin an exploration of some of these books. Three of the books are named after women, *Judith*, *Esther* and *Ruth*. Chapter 13, part of the additions to the book of Daniel, narrates the little known story of *Susanna*. The sessions conclude with a look at a little known book called Tobit. All the narratives relate engaging and entertaining stories concerning the adventures of their main characters. They also communicate key values regarding fidelity to God and to one another. The sessions are offered on Wednesday Evenings, March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1, 2020, from 7-9 PM and repeated on Thursday Mornings, March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 2020 from 10 AM-Noon. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153, or e-mail Biagio at biagio@stsabinaparish.org. St. Sabina is located at 700 Trevis Avenue, Belton, MO 64012. All faith traditions are most welcomed.

Baptism Prep - March 12 at 7pm

Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for Thursday, March 12 at 7pm in the conference room of the parish hall. Registrations are required for this class. To register for this class, please contact Kris at 816-979-3151 or kris@stsabinaparish.org for a baptism application, or download one from our website at <http://stsabinaparish.org/sacraments/>.

Green Team will Recycle Your Health and Nutrition Packaging

The Green Team has signed up to recycle hard to recycle health and nutrition packaging through Terracycle. Please collect your health and nutrition packaging from now until our Earth Day recycling collection date on April 18*. The **packaging must be empty, clean and dry**. Health and Nutrition packaging that can be recycled includes: bottles, boxes, blister packs, tubs, cups, lids, and cans from all brands of vitamins, minerals, supplements; cough, cold and flu medicine; personal care, and foot care products; and infant formula and child nutrition. **Items not accepted: any prescription medicine packaging such as bottles and boxes.**

*The Earth Day metal and electronics event will also include a drop off location for Health and Nutrition Packaging.

For questions about what information can be collected, please contact Diane Hughes at witulskihughes@gmail.com.



Over 55 Event Rescheduled - March 4

Our Over 55 group will meet on Wednesday, March 4th at 11am for a potluck lunch followed by a presentation about the love story between Bess and Harry Truman. To sign up, please contact the parish office at 816-331-4713.



Pictured below—Delegation to El Salvador: Brian Hunt and Kris Larkey dig absorption wells in Paso Puente, El Salvador, which will filter water from bathing, dishes and laundry, so that it can be absorbed back into the ground. Joe Lewis chisels out an opening in a cinder block wall for an electrical panel. Our scholarship students gave the delegates a warm welcome and even performed a traditional Salvadoran dance for them!



Youth Ministry

PSR News

Tour of the Church Night! Our First Communion kids and their parents are invited to join together on March 3 for an evening of fun, fellowship and preparation for the sacrament of Communion. Kids will get a backstage pass to the inner parts of the church with one of our sacristans, bake altar bread to share with their families, create a unique banner that's all about them and have a hot dog dinner with their classmates and family. The night begins at 6:30pm and ends at 8:30pm. Please arrive early so we can get the groups all set and have a little prayer to start our night off right. This is not a drop off event. At least one parent/guardian must accompany each student.

Pictured below: Malcolm, Colby, Caitlin, Caroline, Kennedy and Grace at the Search Retreat.



saint snippets



St. Angela of the Cross

Spanish foundress of a religious community. She devoted her life to serving the local poor and ill until her death in 1932.

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March 2

God is asking me to be poor with the poor in order to bring them to Christ.

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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, 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://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

TODAY'S CLASS:
ART of DENIAL
101

I DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THIS CLASS BUT I SEEM TO ATTEND OFTEN

• BURROWS •

The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Gn 3:4-5

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Reflection on the Readings

Lent is the liturgical season that asks us to reflect on our baptismal call. At our baptism, we affirm that we no longer choose to live according to our own standards, but according to God's standards, as modeled for us by Jesus. To do this well, we need to be consistently aware of those tendencies in our lives which call us back to live according to our standards, and not God's. **This is what ashes, almsgiving, prayer, fasting and reflection make us conscious of – that we are not our own masters – that we are not in control – rather God is.**

If the symbols of this season surface this essential reality to our consciousness, then Lent will have accomplished its key task. All the symbols, the lectionary readings, the rituals, the scrutinies, the Triduum – culminate in the Easter Vigil, in which we celebrate new life in and through the journey of death. Such is the challenge to our Baptismal call which Lent surfaces.

During this season we, as the Christian faithful, are to scrutinize our very thoughts, words and actions, to see if we are being truly faithful to the relationship with Jesus and the gospel values we assumed at our baptism. The Lenten readings help us enter and face the realities of our baptismal faith journey. Each week offers us challenges and opportunities to deepen our own self-awareness and our relationship to God and others by modeling ourselves on Jesus.

The First Sunday of Lent starts at the beginning with Adam and Eve. We are invited to explore how they, symbolic of all humanity, responded to the gracious love relationship that God had initiated with them. Were they going to trust God by following the advice they were given concerning their

limitations and the things that they could not have, or were they going to have it their own way? **We know that they chose what they felt attracted to rather than trusting or responding in kind to God's gracious love and desire for them. We refer to this as "original sin," meaning not only the first sin but the source or template of all human sinfulness.** When we choose ourselves at the expense of others, we repeat the pattern of "original sin."

Their temptation and final choice is contrasted with Matthew's account of Jesus' temptations in the desert and the stark difference between Adam and Jesus as recounted in Paul's letter to the Romans. In his struggles with his own inner demons to have things his own way, Jesus consistently chooses to be attuned to God's way. God's gracious love provides Jesus with all that he needs to overcome Satan. **By trusting in God and relying on God's word, Jesus overcomes the temptations to go at it alone, thus providing a model for us to imitate.** That modeling restores for all humanity the path back to God. Unfortunately, it is a path that we often lose, get diverted from or just simply forget.

The second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans contrasts our way of responding to God, symbolically represented by Adam

and Eve, and Jesus' response. **Paul continually points out the stark difference between Jesus' response to God's gracious love and ours. During Lent, we are challenged to renew ourselves by responding not in our usual pattern but in the pattern modeled for us by Jesus.**

The refrain from Responsorial Psalm 51 provides us with the Lenten mantra that should be continually on our lips: *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.* Daily, we become aware of how easy it is to want it our way and not pay attention to God's way. **Lent is the time to discover that path once more, and to model ourselves on Jesus, who fought and struggled mightily to stay on God's path.** The journey is not easy, but Jesus, one of us in all things but sin, has forged the path for us, breaking the yoke of sin, evil and death forever.

Name one thing that you will do this Lent to help you get back in tune with God's way and path. What role will prayer, fasting and almsgiving play in your Lenten journey this year? **As the Lenten season progresses, become more aware of your baptismal call.** Then, at the Easter Vigil's renewal of our baptismal promises, recommit yourself to that call with greater intensity and joy.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, March 1

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, March 8

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm: Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Bible Study

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 date is Sunday, March 8 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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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

La Cuaresma es la temporada litúrgica que nos pide que reflexionemos sobre nuestra llamada bautismal. En nuestro bautismo, afirmamos que ya no elegimos vivir de acuerdo con nuestros propios estándares, sino conforme a los estándares de Dios, tal como fueron modelados para nosotros por Jesús. Para hacer esto bien, necesitamos ser constantemente conscientes de las tendencias en nuestras vidas que nos llaman de nuevo a vivir de acuerdo con nuestros estándares, y no los de Dios. De esto nos hacen conscientes la ceniza, la limosna, la oración, el ayuno y la reflexión - que no somos nuestros propios amos, Dios es, y que no tenemos el control, sino Dios lo tiene.

Si los símbolos de esta temporada exponen esta realidad esencial a nuestra conciencia, entonces la Cuaresma habrá cumplido su tarea clave. Todos los símbolos, las lecturas, los rituales, los escrutinios, el Triduo, culminan en la Vigilia Pascual, en la que celebramos la nueva vida en y por el camino de la muerte. Tal es el desafío a nuestra llamada bautismal que surge la Cuaresma.

Durante esta temporada, como fieles cristianos, debemos escudriñar nuestros propios pensamientos, palabras y acciones, para ver si somos verdaderamente fieles a la relación con Jesús y los valores evangélicos que asumimos en nuestro bautismo. Las lecturas Cuasmeales nos ayudan a entrar y enfrentar las realidades de nuestro viaje bautismal de fe. Cada semana nos ofrece desafíos y oportunidades para profundizar nuestra propia conciencia de sí mismo y nuestra relación con Dios y los demás, modelándonos en Jesús.

El primer domingo de Cuaresma comienza al principio con Adán y Eva. Estamos invitados a explorar cómo ellos, simbólicos de toda la humanidad, respondieron a la

relación misericordiosa de amor que Dios había iniciado con ellos. ¿Acaso iban a confiar en Dios siguiendo los consejos que les dio acerca de sus limitaciones y las cosas que no podían tener, o iban a tener su propio camino? Sabemos que eligieron a lo que se sentían atraídos en lugar de confiar o responder del mismo modo al amor misericordioso y deseo de Dios por ellos. Nos referimos a esto como "pecado original", que significa no sólo el primer pecado sino la fuente o plantilla de todo pecado humano. Cuando nos elegimos a nosotros mismos a la expensa de los demás, repetimos el patrón del "pecado original".

Su tentación y su elección final se contrasta con el relato de Mateo sobre las tentaciones de Jesús en el desierto y la diferencia entre Adán y Jesús, tal como se narra en la carta de Pablo a los romanos. En sus luchas con sus propios demonios internos para tener las cosas a su manera, Jesús constantemente elige estar en sintonía con el camino de Dios. El amor misericordioso de Dios provee a Jesús con todo lo que necesita para vencer a Satanás. Confiando en Dios y confiando en la Palabra de Dios, Jesús vence las tentaciones de ir solo, proporcionando así un modelo para que imitemos. Ese modelo restaura para toda la humanidad el camino de regreso hacia Dios. Desafortunadamente, es un camino que muchas veces perdemos, nos desviamos o simplemente olvidamos.

La segunda lectura de la carta de Pablo a los romanos contrasta nuestra manera de responder a Dios, representada simbólicamente por Adán y Eva, y la respuesta de Jesús. Pablo señala continuamente la diferencia extrema entre la respuesta de Jesús al amor misericordioso de Dios y la nuestra. Durante la Cuaresma, estamos

desafiados a renovarnos a nosotros mismos respondiendo no en nuestro patrón habitual, sino en el modelo de Jesús.

El refrán del Salmo responsorial 50 nos proporciona el mantra Cuasmeal que debe estar continuamente en nuestros labios: *"Misericordia, Señor, hemos pecado"*. Diariamente, nos damos cuenta de lo fácil que es querer nuestra voluntad y no prestar atención a la voluntad de Dios. La Cuaresma es el momento de descubrir ese camino una vez más, y de modelarnos a Jesús, que luchó poderosamente para permanecer en el camino de Dios.

El camino no es fácil, pero Jesús, uno de nosotros en todas formas excepto el pecado, ha forjado el camino para nosotros, rompiendo el yugo del pecado, el mal y la muerte para siempre.

Nombre una cosa que usted hará esta Cuaresma para ayudarlo a volver en sintonía con el camino y la voluntad de Dios. ¿Qué papel desempeñará la oración, el ayuno y la limosna en su viaje cuasmeal este año? Mientras avanza la temporada de Cuaresma, tome más conciencia de su llamado bautismal. Luego, en la renovación de nuestras promesas bautismales de la Vigilia Pascual, vuelva a comprometerse con ese llamado con mayor intensidad y alegría.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 1 de Marzo

Primera Lectura: Génesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Salmo: Salmo 50:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 y 17
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 5:12-19
Evangelio: Mateo 4:1-11

Lecturas del Domingo, 8 de Marzo

Primera Lectura: Génesis 12:1-4a
Salmo: Salmo 32:4-5, 18-19, 20 y 22
Segunda Lectura: 2 Timoteo 1:8b-10
Evangelio: Mateo 17:1-9

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

Recorrido de la Iglesia! Nuestros niños de la Primera Comunión y sus padres están invitados a acompañarnos el 3 de marzo para una noche de diversión, compañerismo y preparación para el sacramento de la Comunión. Los niños obtendrán un 'pase al detrás de escena' a las partes internas de la iglesia con uno de nuestros sacristanes, hornearán pan de altar para compartir con sus familias, crearán una pancarta única la cual es sobre ellos y tendrán una cena de hot dog con sus compañeros de clase y sus familias. La noche comienza a las 6:30 pm y termina a las 8:30 pm. Llegue temprano para que podamos organizar todos los grupos y orar para comenzar bien la noche. Este no es un evento de dejar los niños. Al menos un padre/tutor debe acompañar a cada estudiante.

Noticias de los Jóvenes

¡Jóvenes de la Middle School! Nuestra próxima reunión será el 4 de marzo a las 7pm.

¡Candidatos de la Confirmación! Nuestra próxima Noche de Padrinos será el 11 de marzo de 7 a 8:30 pm en el Salón Parroquial.

Gracias a las Hogan, de Elda's Compassion, por proveer trajes y vestidos de Primera Comunión para nuestras familias. Gracias también a todos los que donaron sus trajes y vestidos que ya no ocupaban para beneficiar a otras familias



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Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes ó niños de nuestra parroquia deben atender a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitaran someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM). Más información en <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

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Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 14 de Marzo

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a la 1 pm. (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) Salón doble del área de la escuela. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial.

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: Llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

Platicas Matrimoniales - 14 y 21 de Marzo

Platicas Matrimoniales ofrecerán los sábados, 14 y 21 de Marzo a las 8am-1pm en el cuarto de conferencia en el área de las oficinas. Todas las parejas necesitan asistir los dos platicas. Para mas información, llame Martina y Abelardo Arreola a 816-269-4956 o Kris a 816-979-3151.

El Viacrucis

El Viacrucis es una devoción católica que conmemora el último día de Jesucristo en la Tierra como hombre. Las 14 devociones, o estaciones, se enfocan en eventos específicos de su último día, comenzando con Su condena. Las estaciones se usan comúnmente como una mini peregrinación ya que nos movemos de una estación a otra. En cada estación, recordamos y meditamos sobre un evento específico del último día de Cristo. Se recitan las oraciones y luego pasamos a la siguiente estación hasta que se completen las 14.

Verá las imágenes del Viacrucis ubicadas alrededor de las paredes de nuestro santuario. Rezaremos el Viacrucis todos los viernes en Cuaresma el 28 de febrero, 6, 13, 20 y 22 de marzo a las 6:30 PM en inglés y a las 7:00 PM en español. Esta devoción es una excelente manera de conectarse con la pasión de Cristo y meditar en el regalo de salvación que nos ganó a través de su sufrimiento. Planee acompañarnos para el Viacrucis después de disfrutar las Comidas de Pescado de los Caballeros de Colón los viernes de esta Cuaresma.

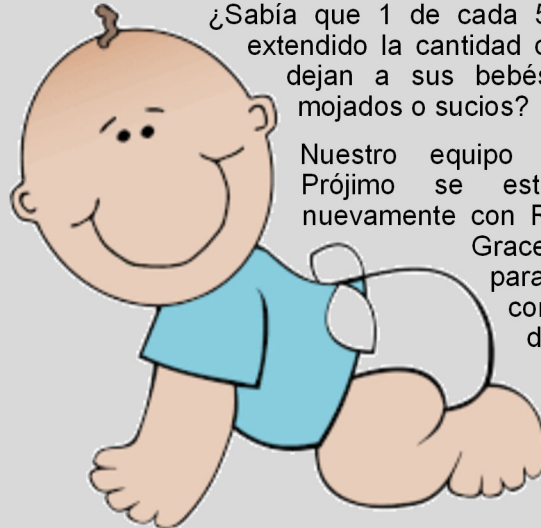
En Nuestro Video ¿Sabes...? de Esta Semana:



Esta semana interrumpimos nuestra serie sobre lo que significa ser "católico" para enfocarnos en los Evangelios de Cuaresma para el año leccionario A. El primer domingo de Cuaresma, sin importar el ciclo leccionario, proclama la tentación de Jesús en el desierto. Al comenzar nuestro viaje de Cuaresma de cuarenta días, nos vinculamos con nuestro ayuno con el ayuno de cuarenta días de Jesús en el desierto. Algunos judíos en la comunidad judía de Mateo cuestionaron la identidad y la legitimidad de Jesús como el mesías. Para Mateo, la tentación fluye naturalmente del bautismo de Jesús y es la culminación de los capítulos 1-4 de Mateo en los que expone claramente la identidad y las credenciales de Jesús como el tan esperado mesías judío. Las tentaciones son la prueba final de Jesús antes de comenzar su ministerio público de proclamar el reino de Dios. Tómese un momento para ver el video ¿Sabes? de esta semana y reflexionar sobre cómo Jesús maneja las tentaciones y el modelo que nos ofrece cada vez que nos enfrentamos a las tentaciones.

Colecta de Pañales—21-29 de Marzo

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