

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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

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Remember, Renew, Rejoice...



Maricarmen Ibarra and Debra Glagola led us in sung prayer together at our bilingual Ash Wednesday Mass.

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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Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for March 25—29, 2019

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	Communion Service
Wed.	No Mass	or Communion Service
Thurs.	8am	Communion Service
Fri.	8am	Communion Service

Saturday, March 30, 2019

4:00pm Intentions of Our Parish Family
†Paula Craig

Sunday, March 31, 2019

8:00am	†Cecilia Imming
10:30am	†Don Grieb
12:30pm Spanish	†Fidel Becerra Uribe
	†Maria de la Luz Acevedo Ramos

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

†**Pauline Bellm**, mother of Cheryl Pardoe and Mike Jones

†**Lena Matthews**, Beautiful Savior

†**Joseph Francis**, esposo de Ana Silvia e yerno de Emilia Valle

†**Rev. Dorothy "Dottie" Hoopes**, Pastor Emeritus, Belton Presbyterian Church

†**Anna Clark**, mother of Ray Clark, Lisa Wickert and Chris Clark

†**Jim Ruffini**, husband of Nancy Ruffini, father of Kirstie Roberts



Calendar/Information

Sunday, March 24 - Domingo, 24 de Marzo

- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 10:30am Bible Study
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión
- 7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Monday, March 25 - Lunes, 25 de Marzo

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

Tuesday, March 26 - Martes, 26 de Marzo

- 10:00am Grief Support Group
- 6:30pm Tour of the Church Night for First Communicants
- 7:00pm Living Stones
- 7:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Wednesday, March 27 - Miércoles, 27 de Marzo

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
- 7:00pm Junior High Youth Group
- 7:00pm Faith Formation Offering: Pope Francis-Call to Holiness

Thursday, March 28 - Jueves, 28 de Marzo

- 6:55am High School Youth Prayer Breakfast
- 9:30am Piecemakers Quilting Group
- 10:00am Faith Formation Offering: Pope Francis-Call to Holiness
- 7:00pm RCIA/RICA
- 7:00pm Altar Society Meeting

Friday, March 29 - Viernes, 29 de Marzo

- 5:00pm Fish Fry
- 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:00pm Vía Crucis
- 7:00pm Parents Lounge Women's WOW Night

Saturday, March 30 - Sábado, 30 de Marzo

- 8:00am Knights Highway Cleanup
- 3:00pm Confessions
- 3:30pm Knights Family Rosary
- 6:00pm Cena para Matachines

Sunday, March 31 - Domingo, 31 de Marzo

- 7:30am Knights Family Rosary
- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 10:00am Knights Family Rosary
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión

Over 55 Luncheon and Gathering—Mar 26

Please plan to attend our Over 55 potluck lunch and gathering on Tuesday, March 26th at noon. After lunch we will play a fun dice game of Left, Right, Center. Don't worry, if you don't know how to play, Sarah will teach everyone. Please bring \$2.00 in quarters plus a pot luck dish to share. The winner will take away the money! Please call the office to RSVP at 816-331-4713.

Ladies Evening Event

The St. Sabina Parents Lounge Ladies are hosting a "WOW" evening event on Friday, March 29, 7-10pm in the parish hall. All women of St. Sabina are invited to grab a girlfriend and join the fun. "WOW" means Work On Whatever. Bring a project you'd like to work on, such as: a craft, sewing project, scrapbooks, paint your nails, organize paperwork, photos or emails, etc. Let's get together as women of the parish and chat and work on whatever! If you don't have a project, just come to chat. Feel free to bring a snack to share if you'd like. Can't get there right at 7pm? No worries come and go as you wish. All women and nursing babies are welcome. (Please no other kiddos at this event. Parents Lounge will try to host a full family event soon.)

Career and Business Showcase

The Belton Chamber of Commerce (www.beltonmochamber.org) and the Grandview Chamber of Commerce (www.grandview.org/chamber) have teamed up to bring businesses and job seekers together at the **2019 Career & Business Showcase** on Saturday, April 6. This year's event will be held at The View in Grandview. Plan to attend for B2B networking and fill your employment needs! Vendor space is limited! For more information, contact Diane Huckshorn at 816-331-2420.

Altar Society 75th Anniversary Sales

The Altar Society will be taking orders for 75th Anniversary items and apparel after Masses on March 30-31 and April 6-7. All funds raised from these sales will be used to purchase items for the liturgical needs of the parish.

Altar Society Meeting

Our next Altar Society Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28th at 7pm in the conference room. All current and new members are invited to attend.



Parish Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

As we conclude our series on the Christian Creeds, this week's DYK video examines the kind of limited human language that the Christian Creeds use to grapple with the mysteries that they try to articulate. In trying to comprehend mysteries that are "infinitely comprehensible," Creeds use symbolic language to help us get a small handle on the depths of the mystery. However, symbols that might speak powerfully at one time and place, can eventually lose their meaning. While the wisdom of the mystery remains, the original symbolic language or image may no longer communicate that wisdom effectively, and need to be updated and changed so that it can speak more effectively and powerfully to our day and age. For example, the way heaven and hell have been portrayed no longer speak as effectively as they once did. But hell as utterly alone for all eternity, and heaven as eternal communion and relationship with God and all our loved ones do speak effectively to most people today. So each generation of Christians must examine the symbolic language we have inherited to see if it speaks effectively of the wisdom inherent in the mystery. Make time to view this week's DYK video and reflect on our need to make the symbolic language and images of the creed speak more effectively in our day and age.



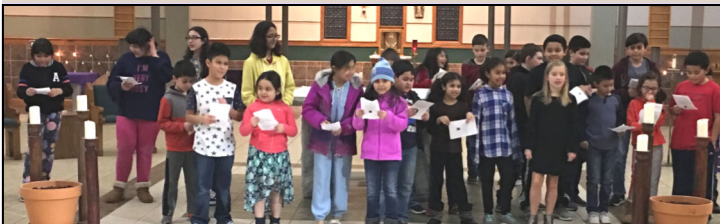
happy birthday

Teresa Alvarez	Malcolm Goswell	Manuel Robledo
Marlyn Anderson	Derek Harshner	Edgar Ruiz
Roberto Arellano	Jill Heinerikson	Stephen Salazar
Araceli Benitez	Quin Henry	Noemi SanJuan
Marion Biondo	Bridget Hernandez	Matthew Scali
Jill Brake	Eyan Karr	Noah Schwarz
Claudine Butscher	Kris Larkey	Nathan Schwarz
Martha Campos	Eric Lopez	Ernesto Silva
Dennis Cartagena	Justina Lopez	Rylee Spiller
Marcos Castillo	Silvia Marquez	Derek Strobe
Amaziah Coffin	Norma Meza	Karen Tierney
Jocelyn Corral	Maribel Munoz	Karla Venzor
James Deschenes	Adrian Perez	Katie Vides
Nina Fiallos	Jaime Pimentel	Tracy Wheeler
Margaret Fuss	Jose Pina	Jaeden Wilkes
Mark Galant	Payton Rayos	Lauren Wilson
Brandon Garcia	Mahlia Rigby	Miguel Zamora

Happy Anniversary

Irving Juarez and Ofelia Hidalgo 20 Years!	3/26/1999
Jorge Castro and Judith Carrera 20 Years!	3/28/1999

Pictured below: our first communicants received their first reconciliation on Tuesday, March 12



Lenten Information

Friday Activities—Fish Fries and Stations

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, 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.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in English at 6:30pm and Spanish at 7pm each Friday during Lent. Please join us!

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Area Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, March 26, 7pm at **Our Lady of Lourdes**, Harrisonville

Monday, April 1, 7pm at **St. Margaret**

Tuesday, April 2, 7pm at **St. Sabina and Holy Spirit**

Sunday, April 7, 7pm at **Presentation**

Tuesday, April 9, 6pm at **St. Matthew Apostle**



Reconciliation Service

Guidelines for Fast and Abstinence During Lent

Abstinence: Abstinence is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.**

Fast and Abstinence: In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 years. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting.**

CRS Rice Bowls—Encounter the Dhathcroos Family

The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

STATIONS Presented by Theatre at Vis

The musical dramaturgy STATIONS will be performed in the sanctuary of our church on Friday, April 5 at 7 in place of our regular English Stations at 6:30 and Spanish Stations at 7. All are invited to attend and be a part of a unique Lenten worship experience. STATIONS is presented by THEATRE AT VIS, a ministry of Visitation Church. The theatre group has toured the show throughout the diocese and regionally for many years and has received wide acceptance and acclaim. STATIONS was written by Paul Novosel and Father Robert Murphy, a Kansas City/St. Joseph diocesan priest. Admission is free and all ages are encouraged to attend. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the performance.

Triduum—The Three Days

Triduum means "three days." The Paschal Triduum is the three days, counted to sunset, from Holy Thursday night through Easter Sunday evening. During these days we keep one festival, our Passover, our Easter. We come together with all the people of our parish, with all Christians in every time and place, to fast, pray and keep watch for the Passover of the Lord.

Triduum Liturgy Schedule

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper—Thursday, April 18 at 7pm—Holy Adoration: 8pm-midnight

Good Friday service—Friday, April 19 at 7pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass—Saturday, April 20 at 8am



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Mar 27	No Mass or Communion Service
Apr 3	10:30am Beautiful Savior
Apr 10	10:00am Redwood of Raymore

Pyx—Sign Out Sheet We try to keep pyxes available in the sacristy in the event you forget to bring yours and need to take the Blessed Sacrament to the sick or homebound. We have placed a sign out/in sheet on a clipboard in the sacristy. Please help us keep costs down by signing the Pyx “out” when you borrow one and “in” once you have returned it. Thank you for your help!

Rachel’s Vineyard: Healing the Pain of Abortion, One Weekend at a Time

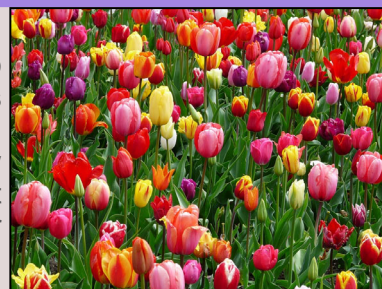
In Jesus’ ministry, He was often an outcast to His own people. For women and men who have experienced an abortion, they, too, often feel like outcasts, isolated and alone. If you or someone you know is suffering from an abortion decision, Jesus understands your pain. Allow Jesus to work a miracle in your heart. Rachel’s Vineyard retreats are all about healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. The first of three 2019 Kansas City retreats will be on May 3-5. Please call (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com for confidential information and to start the healing.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Anna Anderson	Ginny Hainey	Gary Prendergast
Dick Armstrong	Cathy Hall	Doug Pritchett
Lorenzo Barragon	Laverne Harlow	Rita Pruitt
Beverly Bell	Connie Harper	Larry Rhodes
John Bidondo	Cherie Hatfield	Amy Ritchie
George Bremer	Beth Heide	Anna Ryan
Maxine Bremer	Rhonda Henke	Ron Schock
Roger Brown	Morgan Hilliard	Barry Sellmeyer
Sheila Brown	Shayla Hoffman	Brenda Sheppard
Joyce Callahan	Gale Holman	Brian Sheppard
John Caoile	Lisa January	Jaxton Shipley
John Cikan	Araceli Jimenez	Lois Simpson
Cindy Circo	John Jongenelen	Michelle Soto
Joseph Coots	Kathy Keary	Atticus Stone
Rikki DeVaul	Sophia Kille	Kayla Stone
Nolan Dickerson	Don Kueck	Rita Stout
Marcia DiGeorge	Darrell Littler	Svoboda Family
Steven DiGeorge	Ray Malisos	Melinda Tafuro
Jim Dillon	Angela Maria	Vivian Tafuro
Kelly Dirks	Jamie Martinez	Jean Tate
Lois Dull	Leslie McDowell	Joe Taylor
Paula Dull	Janet Moorman	Angel Thomas
Judy Giannini	Karen Muehlbach	Bruce Thompson
Kelly Hall	Harry Muench	Priscilla Tristani
Emily Emke-Hayes	Joan Muench	Mary Westfall
Terry Eppert	Bella Nouryeh	Marie Wilburn
Monica Espinoza	Ezequil Olarte	Mary Wickstrum
Jean Frank	Thelma Palmer	Jeanette Woolworth
Cheryl Frezza	George Panebianco	Carmitia Yust
Jim Frezza	Harry Peckham	Debra Zayas
Sergio Gallardo	Juanita Peckham	
Al Gebauer	David Pierce	

Wellness Center

It’s spring: the flowers are coming up, the sun is out, there is new life all around you. This season is traditionally a time of new beginnings—a chance to refresh your outlook and your behaviors. New Year’s has come and gone and let’s face it, reviewing your goals and plans for life only once each year is not often enough. We need reminders, we need jump starts, we need the chance to review where we were, how far we’ve come, and what’s left to do to get us where we want to be. Here are 3 focus areas to get you back on track and add some **spring** to your steps.



Eating healthy foods is a sign that you want to take care of your body and you want to lead a long, energetic life. It’s no easy task, especially for those constantly on the go. Add more veggies to your meals, introduce fruits as snacks instead of cookies, drink more water.

Sleep renews your body and your mind and gives you energy to get through the days and weeks.

Exercising improves both physical and mental health. The endorphins released during a good walk or run spark creativity and give you the oomph you need for following through on tasks and improving your mood.



On the most basic level, you can improve your health by choosing to spend more time outside, exposing yourself to more sunshine now that winter is over (no more winter blues!). Your body thrives on sunshine and fresh air, so don’t deprive yourself of those elements. A journey begins with the first step, start small to change your habits.

Stewardship

Contributions for March 17

Envelopes/Sobres	\$14,326.00
Plate/Canasta	\$ 793.93
Maintenance-Upkeep	\$ 609.37

Contribution Statements for the Year 2018

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.

"And he told them this parable: There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

Luke 13: 6-9

The gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well? The season of Lent is a time to reflect carefully on the way we spend our time. Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Art and Environment Help Needed

Have you ever entered the church at the start of a new liturgical season and noticed that it looks different? The green is gone! How come things are red now? Where did all the plants go? Look at all those lilies! The group of people responsible for those changes is our Art and Environment team. It is their job to set the visual tone for each liturgical season. We are seeking volunteers to help the Art and Environment committee prepare for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Planned dates for church environment preparations are below. Preparations include hanging decorations, placing needed liturgical items and organizing spaces used in the special liturgies of the season. There is no heavy lifting, just a need for help with lots of details. Please sign up in the gathering space or contact Susan Ratigan (susan@stsabinaparish.org or 816-979-3158) if you would like to help one or all of these dates.

We are also seeking someone who would help to organize this group of volunteers—someone to make phone calls, organize supplies, and other light administrative duties throughout the year. Please contact Susan Ratigan if you can fill this need. Thank you! Church decorating dates are:

Palm Sunday Thursday, April 11, 9:00 AM

Holy Thursday Wednesday, April 17, 9:00 AM

Good Friday Friday, April 19, 9:00 AM

Easter Friday, April 19, 8:00 PM (after Good Friday Service)

Pentecost Friday, June 7, 9:00 AM

Catholic Relief Services Collection - March 31

Next weekend, March 30-31, our second collection will benefit Catholic Relief Services. Your donations help our brothers and sisters in the United States:

- Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees through the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services.
- Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants through the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.
- Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers through the pastoral work of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

Your donations help our brothers and sisters around the world:

- Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Syria and Niger through the humanitarian work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS).
- Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized through the public policy work of the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development.
- Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster through the Holy Father's Relief Fund



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 April 8! All confirmation candidates and their sponsors are to attend a rehearsal and dinner on Sunday, April 7th at 5:30pm. Everyone is asked to please bring a side dish to serve 10 people. Boys bring salads, pasta, rice or potatoes. Girls bring desserts. The Youth Office will provide meat and beverages. Parents are invited to attend and help arrange the serving table while we are in rehearsal.

The confirmation Mass will be at 7pm on Monday, April 8th. Bishop Johnston will come to visit with you and your sponsors at 6pm. Please be present in the gym for this special meeting. A cake and punch reception will be in the gym immediately after Mass.

PSR News

Tour of the Church Night!

Our First Communion kids and their parents are invited to join together on March 26 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.

saint snippets



God has chosen me!
He called me to the
inexpressible happiness
of being his minister,
another Christ.

St. Leonardo Murialdo
19th-century wayward Italian who discovered
profound peace in the Sacrament of Confession;
founder of the Congregation of St. Joseph

March 30

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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://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Reflection on the Readings

Each liturgical year the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent are clustered together having their own focus and theme. In year A, clear and strong baptismal themes are highlighted. In year B, the focus is on dying and rising with Christ. In our current year C, the readings focus on repentance, compassion and forgiveness.

These Sundays are also known as Scrutiny Sundays. The initiating community invites the catechumens who will be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil to scrutinize their lives. On each of the three Sundays the initiating community prays for the catechumens, asking God to give the catechumens strength and courage to put aside anything that would prevent them from fully committing themselves to Christ. Because of their strong baptismal focus, the reading for Year A are often used at the liturgies where the catechumens are present and the scrutinies are celebrated. This year, our parish community has decided to use the readings for Year C on the Scrutiny Sundays because they highlight repentance, compassion and forgiveness, the heart of Christian mercy.

The overall focus of today's readings is set by the refrain of responsorial Psalm 103, "the Lord is kind and merciful." Today, we emphasize God's loving-kindness or *hesed* in Hebrew, as well as the mercy and compassion of God, *rahamim* in Hebrew. *Rahamim* is rooted in the Hebrew word *rehem*, meaning womb. The psalm emphasizes that God's covenant love is as real and as deep as a mother's love for the child of her womb.

Within this focus on God's loving-kindness and compassion is our need for repentance and change of heart. God's love is boundless, but we must desire to be in relationship with God and work on building up that relationship. If we choose not to, then we are left to our own devices. Choosing to live by God's intentions and reaching out in love and compassion towards others are difficult realities for all humans. Conversion of heart is challenging and often resisted by most of us. We are not comfortable with change because it forces us out of our comfort zone, stretching us to think of others beside ourselves.

Yet, this is exactly the challenge of our readings. Both Jesus in the gospel and Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians emphasize the need to repent as well as rethink our stance before God and one another. Both strongly encourage us to work on turning our minds and hearts toward God. God's love is always there for us. But God cannot force love. Failing to repent and respond in love leaves us empty and alone. We also risk the dangers that come from being unprepared to encounter the living God. Always and everywhere, conversion and repentance ready us for the deep encounter with our God, no matter when or how.

While the risk of not being prepared to meet God are great, the first reading from Exodus concerning the call of Moses, Responsorial Psalm 103, along with the fig tree parable in the gospel – all present another aspect of God's loving-kindness and compassion. In the Exodus reading, God witnesses the suffering and listens to the cries of the people, and consequently responds with compassion and mercy, always faithful to and mindful of covenant love. The psalm refrain presents us with a God who is faithful to the covenant relationship and who always responds with mercy. The Lucan version of the fig tree parable does not lead to the cursing of the fig tree but rather to patience, compassion, and caring, cultivating the tree so that it might produce good fruit.

Repentance and change are difficult for all of us. Yet our God is there continually full of mercy and covenant love, always patient, ready to listen, understand and forgive. How is our merciful and loving God part of your Lenten journey this year?

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Repent,
the
kingdom
of
heaven
is
at hand



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Readings



Sunday, March 24

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, March 31

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Bible Study

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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

Cada año litúrgico, el tercer, cuarto y quinto domingo de Cuaresma se agrupan, ya que tienen su propio enfoque y tema. En el año A, se destacan los temas bautismales claros y fuertes. En el año B, el enfoque está en morir y resucitar con Cristo. En nuestro año actual, Año C, las lecturas se centran en el arrepentimiento, la compasión y el perdón.

Estos domingos también se conocen como los domingos de escrutinio. La comunidad iniciadora invita a los catecúmenos que serán completamente iniciados en la Vigilia Pascual para que analicen sus vidas. **En cada uno de los tres domingos, la comunidad iniciadora ora por los catecúmenos, pidiéndole a Dios que les dé a los catecúmenos fuerza y valor para dejar de lado cualquier cosa que les impida comprometerse plenamente con Cristo.** Debido a su fuerte enfoque bautismal, las lecturas del Año A se utilizan a menudo en las liturgias donde están presentes los catecúmenos y se celebran los escrutinios. **Este año, nuestra comunidad parroquial ha decidido utilizar las lecturas del Año C los domingos de escrutinio porque destacan el arrepentimiento, la compasión y el perdón, el corazón de la misericordia cristiana.**

El enfoque general de las lecturas de hoy está establecido en el estribillo del Salmo responsorial 103, "el Señor es compasivo y misericordioso". Hoy enfatizamos la bondad amorosa de Dios o *hesed* en hebreo, así como la misericordia y compasión de Dios, *rahamim* en Hebreo. *Rahamim* está arraigada en la palabra hebrea *rehem*, que significa *matriz*. **El salmo enfatiza que el amor de alianza de Dios es tan real y tan profundo como el amor de una madre por el hijo de su vientre.**

Dentro de este enfoque en la bondad y compasión de Dios está nuestra necesidad de arrepentimiento y cambio de corazón. El amor de Dios no tiene límites, pero debemos desear estar en relación con Dios y trabajar para construir esa relación. Si decidimos no hacerlo, entonces estamos abandonados a nuestros propios medios. **Elegir vivir de acuerdo con las intenciones de Dios y llegar a los demás con amor y compasión son realidades difíciles para todos los humanos.** La conversión del corazón es desafiante y muchas veces la mayoría de nosotros la resistimos. No nos sentimos cómodos con el cambio porque nos obliga a salir de nuestra zona de confort, haciéndonos pensar en los demás.

Sin embargo, este es exactamente el desafío de nuestras lecturas. **Tanto Jesús en el evangelio, como Pablo en su primera carta a los corintios enfatizan la necesidad de arrepentirse y de repensar nuestra postura ante Dios y entre nosotros.** Ambos nos

alientan firmemente a trabajar en volver nuestras mentes y corazones hacia Dios. El amor de Dios siempre está ahí para nosotros. Pero Dios no puede forzar el amor. No arrepentirnos y responder con amor nos deja vacíos y solos. También nos arriesgamos a los peligros que vienen de no estar preparados para encontrar al Dios vivo. **Siempre y en todas partes, la conversión y el arrepentimiento nos preparan para el profundo encuentro con nuestro Dios, sin importar cuándo o cómo.**

Si bien el riesgo de no estar preparado para encontrarse con Dios es grande, la primera lectura de Éxodo sobre el llamado de Moisés, el Salmo responsorial 103, junto con la parábola de la higuera en el evangelio, presentan otro aspecto de la bondad y compasión de Dios. En la lectura del Éxodo, Dios es testigo del sufrimiento y escucha los gritos de la gente y, en consecuencia, responde con compasión y misericordia, siempre fiel y consciente del amor de pacto. El refrán del salmo nos presenta a un Dios que es fiel a la relación de pacto y que siempre responde con misericordia. **La versión de Lucas de la parábola de la higuera no conduce a la maldición de la higuera, sino a la paciencia, la compasión y el cuidado, cultivando el árbol para que pueda producir buenos frutos.**

El arrepentimiento y el cambio son difíciles para todos nosotros. Sin embargo, nuestro Dios está siempre lleno de misericordia y amor de alianza, siempre paciente, listo para escuchar, comprender y perdonar. ¿Cómo es nuestro Dios misericordioso y amoroso parte de su viaje de Cuaresma este año?

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

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Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 24 de Marzo

Primera Lectura: Éxodo 3:1-8, 13-15
Salmo: Salmo 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8 y 11
Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12
Evangelio: Lucas 13:1-9

Lecturas del Domingo, 31 de Marzo

Primera Lectura: Josué 5:9, 10-12
Salmo: Salmo 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Segunda Lectura: 2 Corintios 5:17-21
Evangelio: Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

Confirmación 8 de abril! Todos los candidatos de confirmación y sus padrinos asistirán a un ensayo y una cena el domingo 7 de abril a las 5:30 p.m. A todos se les pide que traigan un platillo que sea suficiente para poder servir a 10 personas. Los jóvenes traen ensaladas, pasta, arroz o papas. Las jóvenes traen postres. La Oficina de la Juventud proporcionará carne y bebidas. Los padres están invitados a asistir y ayudar a organizar la mesa de servicio mientras estamos en ensayo.



La misa de confirmación será a las 7 p.m. el lunes 8 de abril. El obispo Johnston vendrá a visitarlos a ustedes y a sus padrinos a las 6 p.m. Por favor estén presentes en el gimnasio para esta reunión especial. Una recepción con pastel y ponche seguirá en el gimnasio inmediatamente después de la Misa.

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

Recorrido de la Iglesia! Nuestros niños de la Primera Comunión y sus padres están invitados a acompañarnos el 26 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 bandera 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.

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 13 de abril

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 educación. 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.**

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La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph esta comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es victima de abuso sexual, ó si usted observa o sospecha de abuso sexual, por favor:

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- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911.
- 3) Después de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable al Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano, Jenifer Valenti, al 816.812.2500 o a su correo electrónico, jennifervalenti@att.net, si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diacono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph.

La Diócesis tiene un sincero compromiso con los recursos del cuidado y la curación para las victimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimas, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

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://kcsicatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

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Eventos de los Viernes—Comidas de Pescado y Vía Crucis

Nuestros Caballeros de Colón están haciendo sus comidas de pescado otra vez los viernes, 5-7pm, durante la Cuaresma. El menú incluirá: pescado frito, pescado al horno con mantequilla de limón, pescado al horno cajún, hushpuppies, papas con ajo, papas fritas, ensalada de repollo, espaguetis sin carne, pan y una mesa de postres.

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La familia Dhathcroos regresó a su hogar, después de huir de la violencia en su país, para construir una parcela prospera y convertirse en un colaborador vital de su comunidad. ¿Cómo puedes ayudar a los refugiados en tu comunidad a reconstruir sus vidas? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para más información.

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STATIONS: Presentada por Theatre at Vis

STATIONS la dramaturgia musical se llevará a cabo en el santuario de nuestra iglesia el viernes 5 de abril a las 7pm, en lugar de nuestros Viacrucis regulares en inglés a las 6:30 y en español a las 7pm. Todos están invitados a asistir y ser parte de una experiencia única de adoración Cuaresmal. STATIONS es presentada por THEATRE AT VIS, un ministerio de la Iglesia de Visitación. El grupo de teatro ha recorrido el espectáculo por toda la diócesis y regionalmente durante muchos años y ha recibido una gran aceptación y reconocimiento. STATIONS fue escrita por Paul Novosel y el Padre Robert Murphy, un sacerdote diocesano de Kansas City/St. Joseph. La entrada es gratuita y se anima a todas las edades a asistir. Las puertas se abrirán 30 minutos antes de la presentación.



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