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Last Sunday our candidates and catechumen celebrated the first scrutiny at our 10:30 Mass. We continue to pray for them as they celebrate the second scrutiny this weekend at 12:30 Mass and near their initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

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

Confessions: Saturdays3:00-3:30pm

Visit our website for Holy Day and special Mass times.

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Intentions for April 1—5, 2019

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Don Grieb
Wed.	10:30am	†Pauline Bellm (Beautiful Savior)
Thurs.	8am	†Cathy Davis
Fri.	8am	†Jean Rehm-Coomer

Saturday, April 6, 2019

4:00pm †Bob Cummings

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:00am Intentions of Our Parish Family
†Cecilia Imming

10:30am †Justin H Chrane

12:30pm Spanish Intenciones de la Sociedad del Altar
†Esther Flores Bahena

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

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

Calendar/Information

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

Monday, April 1 - Lunes, 1 de Abril

6:30pm	Cub Scout Den Meeting
7:00pm	Boy Scouts
7:00pm	Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Tuesday, April 2 - Martes, 2 de Abril

Pictorial Directory Photography	
10:00am	Grief Support Group
7:00pm	Living Stones
7:00pm	Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, April 3 - Miércoles, 3 de Abril

Pictorial Directory Photography	
9:00am	Legion of Mary
10:30am	Mass at Beautiful Savior
6:00pm	Cantor Practice
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
7:00pm	Knights Business Meeting

Thursday, April 4 - Jueves, 4 de Abril

Pictorial Directory Photography	
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
8:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (8:00 group)

Friday, April 5 - Viernes, 5 de Abril

Pictorial Directory Photography	
8:30am	Adoration
5:00pm	Fish Fry
7:00pm	STATIONS—Theatre at Vis

Saturday, April 6 - Sábado, 6 de Abril

Pictorial Directory Photography	
10:00am	Platicas Matrimoniales
10:00am	RCIA Rehearsal and Retreat
3:00pm	Confessions

Sunday, April 7 - Domingo, 7 de Abril

Pictorial Directory Photography	
9:00am	PSR/Parents Lounge
11:00am	Ensayo del Coro Hispano
11:00am	Escuela de Religión
5:30pm	Confirmation Rehearsal and Dinner

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.

Belton Senior Citizen Spring Luncheon

All senior citizens are invited to attend Belton's annual spring luncheon on Friday, April 5th from 12pm - 1:30pm at the Belton Middle School/Freshman Center in the upper gym. DS Bus Lines will bus guests at no charge from CrossRoads United Methodist Church at 11:15am. When you arrive at the school, please enter the school on the north side by the cafeteria.

Update Membership Information

Does our church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory, as well as for our pictorial directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the parish office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information printed will be correct. You may contact the office at bridget@stsabinaparish.org or 816-331-4713.

Last Sunday, our First Communicants practiced for their First Communion at PSR.

Parish Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

This week's DYK video examines the gospel reading from the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C, the Lucan Jesus parable of the Prodigal Son. Luke links this parable to two other parables in Chapter 15, namely the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. Luke contextualizes all three parables around some scribes and Pharisees "grumbling" that Jesus eats with sinners and tax collectors. While the shepherd and the woman, both representing God, take an active initiative in seeking out the lost, the Prodigal Son parable emphasizes another aspect of repentance and conversion. The parable adds the dimension of personal initiative on the part of the son who seeks to repent and be reconciled with his father. The father, representing God, is still worried and concerned about the son, continually watches for him, desiring his return. But as far as we can tell, the father does not go out to seek the son. However, once he observes his son from a distance, he runs out to welcome him with great joy, abundant love and hospitality, never even giving his son a chance to speak his repentance. The elder son, either regretful or jealous of his brother, is invited and challenged by the father to be welcoming and inclusive as the father, since family unity was of great value for all. The message, meant for the scribes and Pharisees, as well as for us, is the open invitation by God to be as inclusive in our love, as God is inclusive in God's love toward us. Make time to view this week's DYK video and reflect on the need for personal initiative in seeking out repentance and reconciliation with our loving God.

happy birthday

Max Adams
Fisher Adams
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Jorge Andrade
Isabel Arreola
Juan Arroyo
Lisa Ashbaugh
Jonathan Biondo
Griselda Canchola
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Patricia Cruz
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Carlos Erazo
Oscar Escamilla
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Ted Fiocati
Anita Frey
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Javier Hinojos
Luis Hinojos
Jonathan Huerta
Joel Jaimes
Maria Jimenez
Tiffany Jimenez
Michael Laughlin
Camila Lopez
Joliett Lopez
Yaritza Lopez-Alvarado
Hugo Martinez
Yovannie Martinez
Antonia Molina
Antonio Munoz
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Joel Perez
Andrew Phillips
Ricardo Quinones
Tony Racela
Ofelia Ramos - Escalante
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Naidelyn Rodriguez
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Jamie Shipley
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Hermie Timmons
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Diana Ward
Charles Wilbur
Lenny Yanez
Sandra Yanez
Berenice Zarco
Diana Zarco
Alonzo Zavala

Happy Anniversary

Glen and Mary Schmidt	49 Years!	4/4/1970
Roger and Karen Poole	38 Years!	4/7/1981
Patrick and Patricia Carr	28 Years!	4/6/1991
Pete and Belinda Peters	22 Years!	4/5/1997
Cody and Chelsea Hendrix	4 Years!	4/1/2015

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.

Baptism Congratulations

Leo Jason Noble, son of Derek and Sarah Noble

Thomas James Coovert, son of Tommy and Hannah Coovert

Pictured above, Fr. Jeff blesses the St. Joseph Table on Saturday, March 16.

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 except April 5; see below. Please join us!

Area Reconciliation Services

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**

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.**

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 8pm

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

CRS Rice Bowls—Encounter Kumba

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more information.

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Apr 3	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Apr 10	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore
Apr 17	10:00am	Foxwood Springs

Rachel's Vineyard: Healing the Pain of Abortion

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.

TV Mass for the Homebound

KMCI channel 38 (The Spot) at 7:00 a.m. Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in for Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

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

Wellness Center

Did you know that gardening can be a great workout and a boost for your body and soul? Weeding, planting, pruning, watering the lawn -- there's always something to do in the garden!

Gardening provides all three types of exercise: endurance, flexibility, and strength. Turn your gardening into a structured exercise routine, alternating light activities with heavier ones, then a light one, and so on. Start first by stretching. Rake for a while, then dig holes, then prune. Exercise 30 to 60 minutes, then quit, whether everything is planted or not. Incorporate your breathing and mental fitness into your gardening workout. Concentrate on deep breathing while you work. Be mindful, in the moment, to take in all the beauty around you. Gardening offers you a way of creating a sanctuary, a place of comfort.

Gardening offers wonderful and amazing opportunities for kids to play, learn and grow. With gardening, kids can touch and feel the dirt, seeds and flowers, see the vibrant colors and varied sizes of the plants and smell the amazing scents of the flowers. Consider making family gardening a spring tradition that you can carry forward year after year.

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Stewardship

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.'"

Luke 15: 21-24

For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not "measuring up" in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us. With just the tiniest bit of spiritual "spring cleaning" we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what Lent is all about. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Contributions for March 24

The contributions from the weekend of March 24 will be listed in the April 7 bulletin.

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.

Catholic Relief Services Collection - March 31

This 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

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.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Attend the Johnson County Healthy Yards Expo to make your yard healthier and more beneficial for the environment. Saturday, April 6 9am-2pm at the Shawnee Civic Center, 13817 Johnson Dr. Shawnee, KS.

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

Donut Sunday! Our 6th grade PSR class will be hosting donut Sunday on Sunday, April 7. Stop by the table in the gathering space after Mass for a sweet treat and to say "hello!"

There will be no PSR classes on Palm Sunday, April 14 and Easter Sunday April 21. Happy Easter!

Thank you to the Hogans, pictured below, who brought their First Communion boutique to the families of our First Communicants. Named after their grandmother, Elda's Compassion is a ministry that strives to provide gently used formal wear and accessories to First Communion students, free of cost.

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

Reflection on the Readings

The fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Laetare or Rejoice Sunday, focusing on the anticipated joy of Easter at the heart of the baptismal and penitential season of Lent. This Sunday the priest can wear rose colored vestments indicating our anticipated Easter joy.

Reflecting on this Sunday's readings, the theme of joy that comes from reconciliation and from having been fully restored to God's loving relationship comes through powerfully. Reconciliation involves a willingness to change by letting go of the past and being fully open to the transforming presence of God and others. With the catechumens, those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, we resolve to renew our own baptismal promises and recommit ourselves once more to live and act like Jesus.

The refrain of responsorial Psalm 34 encourages us to partake in that joy by asking us to "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." The psalm invites us to bless and praise the Lord because of God's attentive ear to our pleas for help. The psalmist assures us that no matter what, we can trust in the Lord who does hear our cry for help and delivers us. **This Sunday, we take great joy in our attentive and life-giving God as we begin our communal gathering with the invitation to rejoice, *laetare.***

The first reading from Joshua celebrates the reality that the Israelites are in the promised land after God "removed the reproach of Egypt" from their midst. They are no longer in bondage in Egypt. With God's help, they have journeyed through the desert with all its difficulties. Finally, they are camped on the land of promise, and can partake fully of the land's rich food and drink. Such nourishment assures them that God does keep promises and can be relied upon. God heard their cries and did marvelous deeds on their behalf, restoring them once more to fullness of relationship. **In many ways, the Israelites can now literally "taste and see the goodness of the Lord."**

Paul's second letter to the Corinthians calls us "a new creation" brought about by God's reconciling action in Christ. God did not look upon our deeds or what we deserved. Rather God chose to let go of our past offenses and begin anew in Jesus. **God's reconciling action through Christ makes us a "new creation."** We begin our new life in Christ by committing ourselves to the "ministry of reconciliation," to become living models of reconciliation to the world. **What God has done for us, we commit ourselves to do for one another. In this way all "taste and see the goodness of the Lord."**

In the loving father/prodigal son parable, Luke emphasizes the reality that God's love knows no boundaries, loving all equally, completely and totally without restrictions, reservations or hesitations. The loving father does not dwell on the past but rather begins anew, giving new life to his now restored son.

This image of God presents many challenges for us simply because it is so different from the way we express love. Often our love is like that of the elder brother – restrictive, resentful, limited and retributive. Yet, we are called to imitate our inclusive and compassionate God in our manifestation of love. With Paul, we are all called to the "ministry of reconciliation" without limits or restraints.

Today, take time to rejoice in that love, and commit yourself to modeling that love to all, without any prejudice or restrictions. Laetare Sunday is indeed full of joy, allowing us to fully "taste and see the goodness of the Lord." How will you make that joy your own?

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings

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

Sunday, April 7
1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)
2nd Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel: John 8:1-11

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 dates are April 14 and 28 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

El cuarto domingo de Cuaresma se conoce tradicionalmente como el Domingo de 'Laetare' o Regocijo, y se centra en la alegría Pascual anticipada en el corazón del bautismo y la temporada penitencial de la Cuaresma. Este domingo, el sacerdote puede usar vestimentas de color rosa que indican nuestra alegría Pascual anticipada.

Reflexionando sobre las lecturas de este domingo, se nota claramente el tema de la alegría que proviene de la reconciliación y de haber sido completamente restaurado a la relación amorosa de Dios. La reconciliación implica la voluntad de cambiar al dejar ir el pasado y estar completamente abierto a la presencia transformadora de Dios y de los demás. Con los catecúmenos, los que se preparan para el bautismo en la Vigilia Pascual, resolvemos renovar nuestras propias promesas bautismales y nos comprometemos una vez más a vivir y actuar como Jesús.

El estribillo del Salmo 34 responsorial nos anima a participar en ese gozo al pedirnos que gustemos y veamos qué bueno es el Señor. El salmo nos invita a bendecir y alabar al Señor por el oído atento de Dios a nuestras súplicas de ayuda. El salmista nos asegura que sin importar las circunstancias, podemos confiar en el Señor que si escucha nuestros gritos de ayuda y nos libra. **Este domingo, nos sentimos muy complacidos con nuestro Dios que es atento y que da vida, ya que comenzamos nuestra reunión comunitaria con la invitación a regocijarnos, *laetare*.**

La primera lectura de Josué celebra la realidad de que los israelitas están en la tierra prometida después de que Dios los haya "quitado de encima… el oprobio de Egipto". Ya no están en esclavitud en Egipto. Con la ayuda de Dios, han viajado por el desierto con todas sus dificultades. Finalmente, están acampados en la tierra prometida y pueden participar plenamente de la rica comida y bebida de la tierra. Tal alimento les asegura que Dios cumple sus promesas y se puede confiar en Dios. Dios escuchó sus gritos de ayuda e hizo maravillas en su favor, restaurándolos una vez más a la plenitud de la relación. **De muchas maneras, los israelitas ya pueden gustar y ver que bueno es el Señor, literalmente.**

La segunda carta de Pablo a los corintios nos llama "una criatura nueva" provocada por la acción reconciliadora de Dios en Cristo. Dios no miró nuestras obras ni lo que merecíamos. Más bien, Dios eligió dejar ir nuestras ofensas pasadas y comenzar de nuevo en Jesús. **La acción reconciliadora de Dios a través de Cristo nos hace una "criatura nueva".** Comenzamos nuestra nueva vida en Cristo comprometiéndonos al "mensaje de la reconciliación", para convertirnos en modelos vivos de la reconciliación para el mundo. **Lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros, nos comprometemos a hacer el uno por el otro. De esta manera todos gustan y ven que bueno es elSeñor".**

En la parábola del amoroso padre/hijo pródigo, Lucas enfatiza la realidad de que el amor de Dios no tiene límites, que ama a todos por igual, completamente y totalmente sin restricciones, reservas o dudas. El padre amoroso no se queda en el pasado sino comienza de nuevo, dando nueva vida a su hijo ahora restaurado.

Esta imagen de Dios nos presenta muchos desafíos simplemente porque es muy diferente de la manera en que expresamos el amor. A menudo, nuestro amor es como el del hermano mayor: restrictivo, resentido, limitado y retributivo. Sin embargo, estamos llamados a imitar a nuestro Dios inclusivo y compasivo en nuestra manifestación de amor. Con Pablo, todos estamos llamados al "mensaje de la reconciliación" sin límites ni restricciones.

Hoy, tómese un tiempo para regocijarse en ese amor y comprométase a modelar ese amor para todos, sin prejuicios ni restricciones. El domingo de Laetare está lleno de alegría, lo que nos permite gustar y ver que bueno es el Señor. ¿Cómo hará suya esa alegría?

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas

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

Lecturas del Domingo, 7 de Abril
Primera Lectura: Isaías 43:16-21
Salmo: Salmo 126:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 3:7-14
Evangelio: Juan 8:1-11

Ministerio Juvenil

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

No habrán clases el Domingo de Ramos, 14 de abril ni el Domingo de Pascua, 21 de abril. ¡Feliz Pascua!

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.**

Seguridad Infantil

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:

1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la victima tiene menos de 18 años de edad).
2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911.
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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://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/

Los Más Pequeños Jim Burrows

Todo esto procede de Dios, quien nos reconcilió consigo mismo por medio de Cristo, y nos dio el ministerio de la reconciliación; a saber, que Dios estaba en Cristo reconciliando al mundo consigo mismo, no tomando en cuenta a los hombres sus transgresiones, y nos ha encomendado a nosotros la palabra de la reconciliación. 2 Cor 5:18-19

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STATIONS: Presentada por Theatre at Vis

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Horarios de Misa

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