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



Last Saturday, members of our RCIA program celebrated the Rite of Election at the Cathedral.

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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Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for March 9-13, 2020

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| Mon. | 7pm | †Jeanette Sullivan |
| Tues. | 7pm | †Beth Heide |
| Wed. | 10:30am | †Bob Godbout (Benton House of Raymore) |
| | 7pm | †Senny Vigil |
| Thurs. | 8am | †Colleen Roberts |
| Fri. | 8am | †Van Hecke |

Saturday, March 14, 2020

4:00pm †Lola Barrios

Sunday, March 15, 2020

8:00am †Jeanette Sullivan
10:30am †Fr. Evan Harkins
12:30pm Spanish †Jose Lucio Alonzo

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

†**Emil “Van” Hecke**, husband of Tina Hecke

†**Marcos Jose Valeriano**, medio hermano de Nina Fiallos y Berenice Zayas

†**Jack Denzer**, uncle of Emma Beaver



Calendar/Information

Sunday, March 8 - Domingo, 8 de Marzo

Parish Mission—Heaven is in Your Future if You...

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| 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 |

Monday, March 9 - Lunes, 9 de Marzo

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| 6:30pm | Cub Scout Den Meeting |
| 7:00pm | Boy Scouts |
| 7:00pm | Parish Mission |

Tuesday, March 10 - Martes, 10 de Marzo

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| 7:00pm | Ladies Auxiliary Meeting |
| 7:00pm | Living Stones |
| 7:00pm | Parish Mission |

Wednesday, March 11 - Miércoles, 11 de Marzo

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| 9:00am | Legion of Mary |
| 10:30am | Mass at Benton House |
| 7:00pm | Confirmation Sponsor Night |
| 7:00pm | Faith Formation Offering: Little Known Biblical Narratives |
| 7:00pm | Parish Mission |

Thursday, March 12 - Jueves, 12 de Marzo

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| 6:45am | High School Youth Donuts and Prayer |
| 9:30am | Piecemakers Quilt Group |
| 10:00am | Faith Formation Offering: Little Known Biblical Narratives |
| 7:00pm | Baptism Prep |
| 7:00pm | Cub Scout Committee Meeting |
| 7:00pm | Prayer and Life Workshop |
| 7:00pm | RCIA/RICA |
| 7:00pm | Retiro de Evangelización |

Friday, March 13 - Viernes, 13 de Marzo

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| 9:00am | Altar Society Church Cleaning |
| 5:00pm | Fish Fry |
| 6:30pm | Stations of the Cross |
| 7:00pm | Via Crucis |

Saturday, March 14 - Sábado, 14 de Marzo

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| 8:00am | Platicas Matrimoniales |
| 8:30am | Choir Rehearsal (8:00 group) |
| 3:00pm | Confessions |

Sunday, March 15 - Domingo, 15 de Marzo

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



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| Joyce Abrams | John Hirt | Mary Rios |
| Johann Aguilar | Ashley Jara | Diego Ruiz |
| Jessica Basurto | Keegan Jordan | Nereyda Solis |
| Eric Bautista | Irving Juarez | Emilio Soriano |
| Abraham Benavides | Megan Loch | Rita Stout |
| Gabrielle Biondo | Cristian Martinez | Florencia Trejo |
| Elsa Cantu | Doug McDougal | Xavier Varela |
| Joselin Cartagena | Kathryn McIntosh | Evelyn Varela |
| Jacqueline Cartagena | Juan Melendez | Karlos Vasquez |
| Ashley Cisetti | Angel Neri | Logan Vasquez |
| John Clark | Cheryl Nichols | Yanira Vazquez |
| Joe Cummings | Victor Novoa | Jason Weeks |
| Julia Davis | Manuel Novoa | Irene Zarco |
| Ian Escamilla | Pat Ohnemus | |
| Stephany Garcia | Genesis Olguin | |
| Alessa Goldsmith | Janet Oliveros | |
| Alma Gonzalez | Mario Ortiz | |
| Laverne Harlow | Anthony Ortiz | |
| Steven Henke | Mia Perez | |
| Leslie Herrera | Nicholas Persaud | |
| Stanley Hilger | Evelyn Portillo | |



Happy Anniversary

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| John and Chris Ryan | 47 Years! | 3/10/1973 |
| Russell and Susan Sirocka | 37 Years! | 3/10/1983 |
| Edgar and Maria Negrete | 16 Years! | 3/12/2004 |

This Week's Do You Know Video:

The Transfiguration of Jesus from each of the gospels, except John, is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday in Lent. This theophany, or self revelation on God on a mountain, gives us an insight into Jesus' true identity. The presence of Moses and Elijah, representatives of the entire Jewish tradition, confirms the authority of Jesus and the legitimacy of his teaching. The voice from heaven identifies Jesus as God's son and calls all to listen to him, again legitimizing Jesus' authority and teaching. While temptations tested Jesus' identity and commitment as Son of God, the Transfiguration affirms that Jesus' identity as Son remains intact. It also affirms that when we listen to Jesus and live in fidelity to gospel values, we too can shine forth as sons and daughters of God. Make time to view this week's DYK video and reflect on the meaning of the Transfiguration for your life as a disciple.



Lenten Information

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus' 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.

Join us to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday this Lent after you enjoy the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry! Each week a different parish ministry group will lead our prayer. The schedule is below:



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| Friday, March 6 | 6:30 PM | Deacon Mike Gates |
| Friday, March 13 | 6:30 PM | Altar Society |
| Friday, March 20 | 6:30 PM | Prayer Leader |
| Friday, March 27 | 6:30 PM | Parents Lounge offers a special family oriented setting of Stations |
| Friday, April 3 | 6:30 PM | Jr Hi/HS Youth Group |

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.

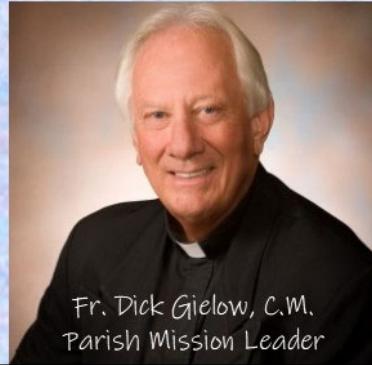


Do you think about heaven? Are you so involved in scurrying around with business, children, family, and social activities that you have little time for quiet contemplation with God?

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. Dick Gielow along with friends, family, community.



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

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

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| Mar 11 | 10:30am | Benton House |
| Mar 18 | 10:00am | Foxwood Springs |
| Mar 25 | 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.

Senior Citizen Spring Luncheon

On March 27, 12-1pm at Belton High School, there will be a senior citizen luncheon that is free to Belton Seniors. DS Bus Lines will bus guests at no charge; please meet at CrossRoads United Methodist Church 515 E. Markey Parkway. Buses will depart by 11:15am.

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

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

Wellness Center

Did You Know—There are many benefits to getting quality sleep. Researchers are beginning to understand the importance of sleep to overall health and well-being. They have learned, for example, that when people get less than 6 to 7 hours of sleep each night, they are at a greater risk of developing diseases.

Here are 5 reasons to make it an early night—

- **Sleep helps keep your heart healthy-** Lack of sleep has been associated with worsening of blood pressure and cholesterol, which are risk factors for heart disease and stroke.
- **Sleep reduces stress-** When your body is sleep deficient, it goes into a state of stress. The body's functions are put on high alert, which causes high blood pressure and the production of stress hormones.
- **Sleep reduces inflammation-** Increased stress hormones caused by lack of sleep raises the level of inflammation in your body. This creates a greater risk for heart-related conditions as well as cancer and diabetes.
- **Sleep helps the body repair itself** - Sleep is a time to relax, but it's also a time during which the body is hard at work repairing damage caused by stress, ultraviolet rays, and other harmful exposure.
- **Sleep improves your memory-** During sleep, your body may be resting, but your brain is busy processing your day, making connections between events, sensory input, feelings, and memories. Deep sleep is a very important time for your brain to make memories and links and getting more quality sleep will help you remember and process things better.



Stewardship

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

Genesis 12: 2-3

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him, saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Contributions for February 23

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| Envelopes/Sobres: | \$11,194.50 |
| Plate/Canasta: | \$ 1,413.45 |
| Maintenance-Upkeep: | \$ 531.87 |

Contributions for March 1

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| Envelopes/Sobres: | \$14,260.00 |
| Plate/Canasta: | \$ 1,550.62 |
| Maintenance-Upkeep: | \$ 4,252.00 |
| Ash Wednesday Masses: | \$ 2,686.87 |

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.



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.stsabinaparish.org, click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.

St. Sabina Fourth Annual Benefit Auction

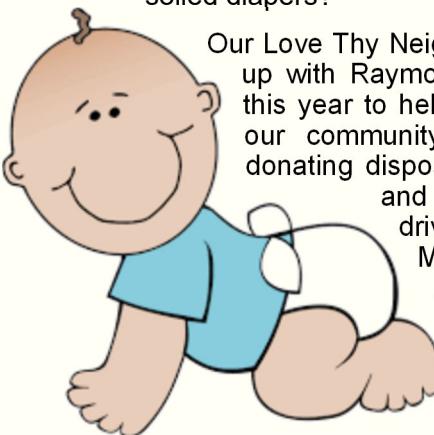
Save the date! Grab your bell bottoms, zip up your jumpsuits and catch the *Disco Fever!* Join us for a funky night including great food, fun and competitive bidding to support our parish and its ministries on Friday, May 1, 2020. More details to come.

We are seeking donations of large clear glass vases to use for auction décor. We will need about 30. Different shapes are fine!



Diaper Drive—March 21-29

Did you know that in some extreme cases of diaper need, parents have cleaned out and reused 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

Lost your curbside recycling service? Check out these organizations for drop off recycling:

<https://bridgingthegap.org/recycle/>

<https://www.casco-aw.com/recycling> in Harrisonville which employs the disabled

<https://www.recyclespot.org/pdf/HHW/>

KCRegionRecyclingCenters-August2019.aspx— Find a list of drop off sites

Check to see if your local school district or town offers drop off recycling.

Information

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/>.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Dyson Dechant and Holly Covert who will be married on March 14th!



Manos Amigas Update

Dear Friends of Anapra, it is time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School in Anapra. We are proudly celebrating our 20th year providing VBS for the children in Anapra, Mexico. It takes a lot of people and prayers to make this happen every year. This year's VBS is July 13 -30 and we are planning for 150 kids. Paulette Samson developed the curriculum and now we are working on daily crafts and funding. It costs approximately \$3500 for three weeks of VBS. This includes daily crafts and snacks for 11 days and then a party on day 12. Once again we are asking you to help by donating craft supplies, prizes for daily work or the party, or cash for rent, food, and the things that need to be purchased in Anapra. A list of craft supplies is posted on the Manos Amigas facebook page and website: manosamigaskc.org. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or contact Sandy Katzer at 816-806-9760. If you are interested in visiting Anapra and meeting these great people, contact Sandy Katzer. We'll keep you posted on our progress and a big thank you for 20 years of providing VBS!



Romero Celebration - March 29 - 12:30pm

On Sunday, March 29 our Salvadoran Community will host our parish's annual celebration in honor of Saint Oscar Romero at our 12:30pm Mass followed by a Salvadoran lunch in the gym. All are welcome to attend the Mass and lunch.

Saint Óscar Arnulfo Romero (August 15, 1917 - March 24, 1980) was a prominent Roman Catholic priest in El Salvador during the 1960s and 1970s, becoming Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977. After witnessing numerous violations of human rights, he began to speak out on behalf of the poor and the victims of repression. This led to numerous conflicts, both with the government in El Salvador and within the Catholic Church. After speaking out against U.S. military support for the government of El Salvador, and calling for soldiers to disobey orders to fire on innocent civilians, Archbishop Romero was shot dead while celebrating Mass at the small chapel of the cancer hospital where he lived. Saint Oscar Romero was canonized on October 14, 2018 and his feast day is celebrated annually on March 24th.

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.



Attention Gardeners

Do you have an interest in keeping our church grounds neat and attractive? Spring is just around the corner and we have 15 garden beds, including two rose gardens. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space for anyone willing to adopt a garden or just want to help by trimming bushes/roses. If you have any questions, contact Jim Bornheimer at 816-331-6824.

Youth Ministry

A big thank you to 4th graders Jaiden, Olivia, Trevor, Charles, Hudson, and Aurora for helping serve donuts this month!



Mission Trip!

High School Youth & College Age Folks are invited to journey south with Kirstie Roberts to New Orleans to work with Habitat for Humanity on a new home construction site. We will leave early July 26 and return in the evening on August 2nd. There is much more information available on the forms in the back of church and in the Youth Office. We will have an information meeting on April 19th at 11:30am in the Parish Hall when we will go over the plan for the week, our lodging, transportation and most importantly, fundraising.

Confirmation Rehearsal

Confirmation Candidates: we will have a rehearsal and potluck dinner on Sunday, March 15 beginning at 5:30pm.

Confirmation—March 16

We've finally made it! Please meet in the gym at 5:30pm on Monday, March 16. Mass will begin at 7pm.

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March 14

Bl. Giacomo Cusmano
19th-century Italian priest who founded a religious order focused on evangelizing and caring for the poor.

Let us receive everything from God's hands and do everything out of pure love.

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

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus was transfigured before them; and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became as white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him. Mt 17:2-3

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Reflection on the Readings

The first and second Sundays of Lent are consistent in their gospel proclamation narratives. Every first Sunday, we proclaim the temptations of Jesus according to the various gospels, excluding John, who has no temptation narrative. **The second Sunday of Lent always proclaims the Transfiguration account from each of the three lectionary years.** Many find it odd that this reading was chosen to be part of the Lenten proclamation. After all, aren't we supposed to be focusing on conversion, reconciliation and the struggles involved in living out the Christian life? **Why a reading focused on the glory and divinity of Jesus?**

The Lenten season is not isolated, but is part of the Lent/Easter/Pentecost season. During this season we focus in a concentrated manner on the entire Paschal Mystery, the reality of Christ's life, passion, death, resurrection, ascension and the coming of the Spirit. **While Lent focuses on the more somber and challenging aspects of conversion and reconciliation, we can never forget that Christ has already gone before us and won the victory over sin and death.**

That victory gives us the hope that responsorial Psalm 33 affirms as we are called to proclaim, "Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you." God's faithful love, *hesed* in Hebrew, is always there, calling us to persevere in hope no matter what difficulties we encounter. The Lord is ever ready to guide, deliver and preserve us from harm. **All that is needed is that we trust and listen to God's word, especially as communicated to us by Jesus, God with us. This thread runs through all the readings.**

Abram is called to leave his home and to journey to a place that God will show him. God promises to bless him and to make him and his descendants a great nation. Fear of the unknown, along with travel to a strange land, must have felt overwhelming. **Yet, with no children and not knowing where he is going, Abram trusts the Lord, and sets out as the Lord directed him.** Because of his attentiveness to God's word, God makes Abram the source of blessing for "all the communities of the earth."

The second reading from the second letter to Timothy asks us to bear our share of the hardship involved in living the gospel with the strength that comes from God. God has called us to holiness, not based on our

works, but on the grace that comes from Christ. Jesus destroyed death and brought life and light to the world. **We are asked to place our trust in God, our true source of strength, who has already won the victory for us.**

The Transfiguration account gives us a glimpse into the majesty and divinity of Jesus, fully realized only at the resurrection. Yet the journey to resurrection involves the journey to Jerusalem. It would be nice if resurrection came without the cross, but such is not the journey of life. Rather resurrection becomes the symbol of our hope and trust in the *hesed* of God. **God's faithful love becomes the anchor that grounds us in life, enabling us to live the gospel, empowering us to "listen" to Jesus and live out God's faithful love in our own lives.** Both at Jesus' baptism and at the Transfiguration, God invites us to "listen" to Jesus as the sure guide and the certain way to God's saving grace.

While this passage primarily focuses on Jesus' true identity as the divine one, it can also be read as the result of what being faithful to God's way of life and listening to Jesus can do for any disciple. By being faithful to God's love, *hesed*, and Jesus' way of living, we become bright lights for others as we shine forth with God's presence and love within us. In so doing, we allow others to experience God in and through the ordinary encounters of life.

How will you discipline yourself this Lent to truly "listen" to what Jesus is saying? Try to list two areas in your life that need transformation. **Ask God for the strength and courage to change and thus become a source of God's love, life and light for others.**

**Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate**

Readings

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

Sunday, March 15

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42



Bible Study

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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

El primer y segundo domingo de Cuaresma son consistentes en sus narrativas de la proclamación del evangelio. Cada primer domingo, proclamamos las tentaciones de Jesús según los diversos evangelios, excluyendo a Juan, que no tiene una narración de la tentación. **El segundo domingo de Cuaresma proclama siempre el relato de la Transfiguración de cada uno de los tres años leccionarios.** A muchos les resulta extraño que esta lectura fuera elegida para ser parte de la proclamación cuaresmal. Después de todo, ¿no debemos centrarnos en la conversión, la reconciliación y las luchas que implica vivir la vida cristiana? **¿Por qué una lectura centrada en la gloria y la divinidad de Jesús?**

La temporada de Cuaresma no está aislada, sino es parte de la temporada de Cuaresma/Pascua/Pentecostés. Durante esta temporada nos enfocamos de manera concentrada en todo el Misterio Pascual, la realidad de la vida, la pasión, la muerte, la resurrección, y la ascensión de Cristo, y la venida del Espíritu. **Mientras Cuaresma se centra en los aspectos más sombríos y desafiantes de la conversión y la reconciliación, nunca podemos olvidar que Cristo ya ha ido antes que nosotros y ha ganado la victoria sobre el pecado y la muerte.**

Esa victoria nos da la esperanza de que el Salmo responsorial 32 afirma ya que estamos llamados a proclamar: "Que tu misericordia, Señor, venga sobre nosotros, como lo esperamos de ti". El amor fiel de Dios, *hesed* en hebreo, siempre está allí, llamándonos a perseverar en la esperanza, sin importar las dificultades que encontramos. El Señor está siempre listo para guiarnos, librarnos y preservarnos del daño. **Todo lo que se necesita es que confiemos y escuchemos la palabra de Dios, especialmente como nos fue comunicada por Jesús, Dios con nosotros. Este hilo pasa por todas las lecturas.**

Abram es llamado a abandonar su casa y a viajar a un lugar que Dios le mostrará. Dios promete bendecirlo y hacer de él y sus descendientes una gran nación. El temor de lo desconocido junto con el viaje a una tierra extraña debe haber sido abrumador. **Sin embargo, sin hijos y sin saber adónde va, Abram confía en el Señor, y se va como el Señor lo dirigió.** Debido a su atención a la palabra de Dios, Dios hace de Abram la fuente de bendición para "todos los pueblos de la tierra".

La segunda lectura de la segunda carta a Timoteo nos pide que soportemos nuestra parte de las dificultades que implica vivir el evangelio con la fuerza que viene de Dios. Dios nos ha llamado a la santidad, no basado en nuestras obras sino en la gracia que viene de Cristo. Jesús destruyó la muerte y trajo

vida y luz al mundo. **Se nos pide que pongamos nuestra confianza en Dios, nuestra verdadera fuente de fuerza, que ya había ganado la victoria para nosotros.**

El relato de la Transfiguración nos da un vistazo a la majestad y divinidad de Jesús, plenamente realizada sólo en la resurrección. Sin embargo, el viaje a la resurrección involucra el viaje a Jerusalén. Sería bueno que la resurrección viniera sin la cruz, pero tal no es el viaje de la vida. Más bien la resurrección se convierte en el símbolo de nuestra esperanza y confianza en el *hesed* de Dios. **El amor fiel de Dios se convierte en el ancla que nos motiva en la vida, permitiéndonos vivir el evangelio, dándonos poder para "escuchar" a Jesús y vivir el amor fiel de Dios en nuestras propias vidas.** Tanto en el bautismo de Jesús como en la Transfiguración, Dios nos invita a "escuchar" a Jesús, como el guía seguro y el camino seguro hacia la gracia salvadora de Dios.

Si bien este pasaje se centra principalmente en la verdadera identidad de Jesús como el divino, también puede leerse como resultado de lo que puede ser fiel a la forma de vida de Dios y escuchar a Jesús por cualquier discípulo. Al ser fieles al amor de Dios (*hesed*) y a la forma de vida de Jesús, nos convertimos en luces brillantes para los demás a medida que brillamos con la presencia y el amor de Dios dentro de nosotros. Al hacerlo, permitimos que otros experimenten a Dios en y a través de los encuentros ordinarios de la vida.

¿Cómo se disciplinará esta Cuaresma para verdaderamente "escuchar" lo que Jesús está diciendo? Trate de anotar dos áreas de su vida que necesitan transformación. **Pide a Dios la fuerza y el valor para cambiar y así hacerse fuente del amor de Dios, de la vida y de la luz para otros.**

**Biagio Mazza
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Lecturas



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

Lecturas del Domingo, 15 de Marzo

Primera Lectura: Éxodo 17:3-7
Salmo: Salmo 94:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8
Evangelio: Juan 4:5-42

Ministerio Juvenil/Información

¡Viaje misionero!

Se invita a los jóvenes de la high school y de la edad universitaria a viajar al sur con Kirstie Roberts a Nueva Orleans para trabajar con Hábitat para la Humanidad en un nuevo sitio de construcción de viviendas. Saldremos a principios del 26 de julio y regresaremos por la noche el 2 de agosto. Hay mucha más información disponible en los formularios en el espacio de reunión y en la Oficina de la Juventud. Tendremos una reunión informativa el 19 de abril a las 11:30am en el Salón Parroquial cuando repasaremos el plan para la semana, nuestro alojamiento, transporte y lo más importante, recaudación de fondos.

Ensayo de Confirmación

Candidatos de Confirmación: tendremos un ensayo y comida potluck el domingo 15 de marzo a partir de las 5:30 p.m.

Confirmación: 16 de marzo

¡Ya llegamos al momento! Por favor, reúnanse en el gimnasio a las 5:30pm el lunes 16 de marzo. La misa comenzará a las 7pm.



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14 de marzo

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- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la víctima tiene menos de 18 años de edad), y
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911, y
- 3) Después de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable a Joe Crayon, Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano al 816.812.2500 o crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diacono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph.

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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



Se transfiguró delante de ellos; y su rostro resplandeció como el sol, y sus vestiduras se volvieron blancas como la luz. Y he aquí, se les aparecieron Moisés y Elias hablando con El. Mt 17:2-3

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Corresponsabilidad/Información

Celebración Romero - 29 de marzo - 12:30 pm

El domingo 29 de marzo, nuestra comunidad salvadoreña organizará la celebración anual de nuestra parroquia en honor de San Oscar Romero en nuestra misa de las 12:30 pm. Todos están invitados a asistir a la misa, seguido de un almuerzo salvadoreño en el gimnasio después de la misa.

San Óscar Arnulfo Romero (15 de agosto de 1917 - 24 de marzo de 1980) fue un destacado sacerdote católico romano en El Salvador durante los años sesenta y setenta, convirtiéndose en arzobispo de San Salvador en 1977. Después de presenciar numerosas violaciones de los derechos humanos, comenzó a hablar en nombre de los pobres y las víctimas de la represión. Esto condujo a numerosos conflictos, tanto con el gobierno en El Salvador como dentro de la Iglesia Católica. Después de hablar en contra del apoyo militar de los EE. UU. Al gobierno de El Salvador y de pedir a los soldados que desobedecieran las órdenes de disparar contra civiles inocentes, el arzobispo Romero fue asesinado a tiros mientras celebraba misa en la pequeña capilla del hospital oncológico donde vivía. San Oscar Romero fue canonizado el 14 de octubre de 2018 y su fiesta se celebra anualmente el 24 de marzo.

Pláticas 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 pláticas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

Pláticas Matrimoniales - 14 y 21 de Marzo

Pláticas 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 pláticas. Para mas información, llame Martina y Abelardo Arreola a 816-269-4956 o Kris a 816-979-3151.

Colecta de Pañales—21-29 de Marzo

Nuestro equipo de Ama al Prójimo se está asociando nuevamente con Raymore Baby Grace este año para ayudar a combatir la falta de pañales en nuestra comunidad. Puede ayudar al donar pañales desechables o de tela y toallitas húmedas a nuestra colecta de pañales los fines de semana del 21/22 y del 28/29 de marzo. ¿Su pequeño creció a un nuevo tamaño de pañal y tiene sobras sueltas? ¡Aceptamos paquetes abiertos también!

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

La Transfiguración de Jesús de cada uno de los evangelios, menos el según San Juan, se proclama cada año el



segundo domingo de Cuaresma. Esta teofanía, o auto revelación sobre Dios en una montaña, nos da una idea de la verdadera identidad de Jesús. La presencia de Moisés y Elías, representantes de toda la tradición judía, confirma la autoridad de Jesús y la legitimidad de su enseñanza. La voz del cielo identifica a Jesús como el hijo de Dios y llama a todos a escucharlo, legitimando nuevamente la autoridad y la enseñanza de Jesús. Si bien las tentaciones pusieron a prueba la identidad y el compromiso de Jesús como Hijo de Dios, la Transfiguración afirma que la identidad de Jesús como Hijo permanece intacta. También afirma que cuando escuchamos a Jesús y vivimos en fidelidad a los valores del Evangelio, nosotros también podemos brillar como hijos e hijas de Dios. Tómese un momento para ver el video ¿Sabes? de esta semana y reflexionar sobre el significado de la Transfiguración para su vida como discípulo.

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 6, 13, 20 y 27 de marzo y el 3 de abril 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.

Felicidades Por Su Quinceañera

¡Felicidades a Yoselin Ramírez, la hija de Marín y Anallely Neri, que celebró su Quinceañera el 7 de Marzo!

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