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



Pictured, Fr. Jeff celebrates the Blessing at Seedtime, blessing seeds to be used in our Community Garden, sanctuary and parishioners' homes.

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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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14, 2019

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for April 15—19, 2019

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Paul DeMar
Wed.	10am	†Carol Huffman (Foxwood Springs)
Thurs.	7pm	†Theo Suwito
		†Pablo José Zayas
Fri.	7pm	Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 20, 2019

8:00pm	†Jean Rehm-Coomer
	†Jim Ruffini

Sunday, April 21, 2019

8:00am	Intentions of Our Parish Family
	†Claude Johnson
10:30am	†Don Grieb
12:30pm Spanish	†Cosme Mora
	†Alicia Martha Hernandez

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

†**John Malena**, son of Joe and Rosemary Malena

†**David Berkley**, Redwood of Raymore

†**Viola Burns**, mother of James, Gary and Lawrence and Kathy Burns

†**Joan DeRosear**, mother of David DeRosear

†**Jennifer Moorman**, sister of Doug Moorman



Calendar/Information

Sunday, April 14 - Domingo, 14 de Abril

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion/Domingo de Ramos

10:30am Bible Study

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

4:00pm Junta de Matachines

Monday, April 15 - Lunes, 15 de Abril

6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 16 - Martes, 16 de Abril

7:00pm Living Stones

7:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Wednesday, April 17 - Miércoles, 17 de Abril

9:00am Legion of Mary

9:00am Church Decorating

10:00am Grief Support Group

10:00am Mass at Foxwood Springs

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)

7:00pm Knights Officers Meeting

Thursday, April 18 - Jueves, 18 de Abril

Holy Thursday/Jueves Santo

9:30am Piecemakers Quilting Group

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper/Misa de la Cena del Señor

8:00pm RCIA Seder Meal/Comida Séder de RICA

Friday, April 19 - Viernes, 19 de Abril

Good Friday/Viernes Santo

9:00am Church Decorating

6:15pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Good Friday Service/Servicio de Viernes Santo

8:00pm Church Decorating

Saturday, April 20 - Sábado, 20 de Abril

Holy Saturday/Sábado Santo

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass/Vigilia Pascual

Sunday, April 21 - Domingo, 21 de Abril

Easter Sunday/Domingo de Pascua

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Guide Book and Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

Parish Auction—May 3

Purchase your tickets for the auction after Mass or on our parish website. You won't want to miss the chance to bid on the get-away for a "spa-cation" to San Antonio!



ST. SABINA 3rd ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

Grab your boots and sombreros and get ready for the fiesta! Join us for an adult evening of dinner, drinks and fun, competitive bidding!

Friday, May 3, 2019

Ψ Auction opens at 6:00pm

Ψ Dinner is served at 6:30pm

Ψ LIVE Auction begins at 8:00pm

Tickets are \$30 single tickets, \$50 couple tickets, table for 8 \$300

Ticket price includes buffet dinner and access to the auction. Must be 21 to attend.

**Proceeds benefit the Community Garden, Youth Group, PSR and maintenance of our facilities.



Parish Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

Each year on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion we proclaim Jesus' passion narrative from the gospel associated with each of the three lectionary years. In Lectionary Year C we proclaim the passion according to Luke. Each evangelist narrates the passion from their own unique perspective, thus presenting their community's experience of Jesus, and the significance that Jesus had for them. Luke's passion story highlights unique elements that play a key role throughout the gospel. Luke's Jesus is God's servant who manifests God's love for all by means of table fellowship. Jesus breaks boundaries, welcoming all to the table. Like the prophets of old, these God values infuriate some Jewish leaders who soon conspire to put the innocent, compassionate, merciful Jesus to death. In the passion narrative, Luke focuses on Jesus' innocence, his fidelity to God's values no matter the cost, and on Jesus' compassionate and merciful love, forgiving both his executioners, as well as the good thief crucified along with him. With trust in God, Jesus dies by placing himself completely in God's hands. Make time to view this week's DYK video and learn more about the unique elements in Luke's passion narrative.

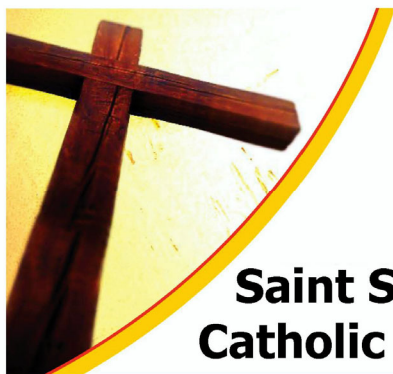


happy birthday

Bernie Abrams	Patrick Heinerikson	Dana Ranes
Gerardo Arenivas	Celia Hernandez	Calistro Reyes
Alejandra Basurto	Bailey Hughes	Allison Rodriguez
Norma Campos	Kris Jaimes	Amy Roe
Georgene Caoile	Harper Jergensen	Jenna Scali
Charles Collier	Gen Leo	Patricia Schieszer
Joseph Coots	Austin Mata Franco	Matthew Scott
Susan Coovert	Richard McGurn	Jewel Sowers
Genesis Corral	Gladys Medina	Sandy Spiller
Joaquin Cortez	Oscar Menjivar	Thomas Stout
Barbara Davis	Cody Muder	Bailee Strickland
Margaret Dellaguardia	Gerardo Noriega	Nathan Thurman
Marcia DiGeorge	Reyna Ortiz	Xian Thurston
Terry Eppert	Gary Park	Yuleth Villalobos
Vilma Figueroa	Rodrigo Perez-Carrera	Kelly White
Daniel Gomez	Timothy Perkins	Briana Yanez
Nora Gray	Angela Pinon	
Shelia Hampton	Auriel Placencia	

Happy Anniversary

John and Mary Ann Van De Vyvere	63 Years!	4/21/1956
Bob and Linda Hoye	48 Years!	4/17/1971
Stephen and Joanne Mackay	37 Years!	4/17/1982
Victor and Ana Mata Franco	25 Years!	4/16/1994
Norm and Brenda Stoddard	22 Years!	4/18/1997
Michael and Ann Vargas	19 Years!	4/15/2000
Lester and Patty Cargbaugh	18 Years!	4/21/2001
Corey and Sonja Morgan	14 Years!	4/21/2005
Jeffrey and Lori Overhaug	12 Years!	4/21/2007
Kevin and Amanda Gray	10 Years!	4/18/2009
Mark and Amber Stegner	6 Years!	4/20/2013



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BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, May 7
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
700 Trevis Ave.
Gym

Book your appointment today at
savealifenow.org/group, enter Group Code: MA.
 For additional details contact Michael Dailey at 816.853.8386
 or mgdailey123@yahoo.com.

Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0900



Green Team Tip of the Week

Save on ENERGY STAR appliances during Earth Week Show-Me Green Sales Tax Holiday, April 19-25. Certain Energy Star certified new appliances are exempt from State and Raymore City sales tax during this week long sales tax holiday, including clothes washers and dryers, water heaters, dishwashers, air conditioners, furnaces, refrigerators, freezers and heat pumps. Learn more by visiting the Missouri Department of Revenue's website.



Lenten/Parish Information

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:

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 Our Neighbors

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.



Above: Fr. Jeff presents Bill Beaver with a Papal Blessing for his 90th birthday. Happy birthday, Bill!

Below: Our Over 55 group gathered on March 26 for a pot luck lunch and a couple of rounds of “Left, Right, Center.”



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Apr 17	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Apr 24	11:00am	Carnegie Village
May 1	10:30am	Beautiful Savior

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.)

Thank You Sharon Hoey!

Sharon has been active as an "Extraordinary Minister to the Sick and Homebound" for many years here at St. Sabina. She has shared countless hours ministering to parishioners in their homes and Nursing Homes in the area. Her ministry insured that Catholics in our parish boundaries were kept connected with the Church and the Sacraments. Sharon will be missed in this ministry! We thank you Sharon for being so generous with your gifts of time and talent!

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

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

Wellness Center



HEALTH COMMUNITIES

It is possible to fit vegetables and fruits into any budget. Making nutritious choices does not have to hurt your wallet. Getting enough of these foods promotes health and can reduce your risk of certain diseases.

1. Celebrate the season.

Use fresh vegetables and fruits that are in season. They are easy to get, have more flavor, and are usually less expensive. Your local farmer's market is a great source of seasonal produce.

2. Stick to your list.

Plan out your meals ahead of time and make a grocery list. You will save money by buying only what you need.

Do you know these 5 easy tips when shopping for fruits and veggies?

It is possible to fit vegetables and

3. Don't shop when you're hungry.

Shopping after eating will make it easier to pass on the tempting snack foods. You'll have more of your food budget for vegetables and fruits.

4. Buy small amounts frequently

Some fresh vegetables and fruits don't last long. Buy small amounts more often to ensure you can eat the foods without throwing any away.

5. Buy in bulk when items are on sale

For fresh vegetables or fruits you use often, a large size bag is the better buy. Canned or frozen fruits or vegetables can be bought in large quantities when they are on sale, since they last much longer.



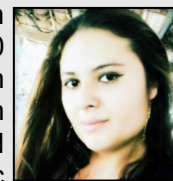
"When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.

Luke 23: 48-49

Near the end of this Gospel account we are told that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefited personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

El Salvador Scholarship Student, Maria

Maria Marlene Cubias Echeverria lives in the community of Cinquera. She is 20 years old and she attends the Lutheran University of El Salvador located in San Salvador. She is currently in her second year of study and she is majoring in Public Accounting. She entered the scholarship program in 2017 and she is expected to graduate in 2021. Last semester her grade point average was 9.0.



Maria has classes Wednesday from 1pm-7pm, Thursdays from 7am-9:30am, and Fridays from 9:45am-3:30pm.

Maria's family makes its living by farming. Her home is built of cement block, and it has a toilet, potable water and electricity. Maria's father, Irene, is 62 years old and is a farmer and never attended school. Her mother, Armelina, is a housekeeper, is 58 years old and never attended school. Maria has two 16-year old brothers, Jose Carmelo and Jose Miguel, who are currently in school. Maria has another brother, Ulises, who is 18 years old and in school as well.

This year Maria's community project was Prevention before Treatment, a program which taught adolescents in Cinquera about sexual education in order to reduce the risk of teenage pregnancies, educate about sexual and reproductive responsibility and raise awareness about sexually transmitted diseases.

Maria states that her achievements this year include finishing the semester with excellent grades. She is happy that her family is proud of her, as she is the first in her family to attend university.

Maria's major challenge is the insecurity of the country. Many times young people are robbed while riding the public transportation busses. Another challenge is the economic situation of her family. Her parents don't have the means to help her with her tuition, and even when they give her money for little things, it is a huge effort and sacrifice for them.

Maria hopes to find a job after graduation to help support her family. She wants to continue her education and study for a Master's degree. She also wants to participate actively in the Association for Reconstruction and Development (ARDM), which is the organization which governs the municipality of Cinquera. She wants to participate in the formation of the community service activities of the ARDM.

To donate to our El Salvador Scholarship fund, please visit our website at www.stsabinaparish.org and click on on-line giving or drop a check in the collection with El Salvador written in the memo line.

Contributions for April 7

Due to early bulletin deadlines, the contributions for April 7 will be listed in our April 21 bulletin.

Collection for the Holy Land - Good Friday

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

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. **The deadline to sign up for this trip is April 30th.**



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.

Attention Female Peer Ministers! If you would like to help out with our Quinceañera Retreat on April 27, please contact Kirstie Roberts.

Quinceañera Retreat! Our annual Quinceañera retreat for girls will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 10am until 4pm at St. Sabina Parish in the Parish Hall. This retreat is to prepare young ladies for their Quinceañera as well as serve as an opportunity for all girls ages 14 and older to explore their faith and share in the joys of being a young Catholic lady. We need registrations as soon as possible so that we can plan for space and food. Registration forms are available on our website at www.stsabinaparish.org/permission-slips/.

PSR News

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

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Sexual molestation is about the victim. Many people are affected by abuse but the individual most impacted is the victim who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect his or her entire life. The abuser, the family of the abused, and the parish community are all affected by this sin and crime, but the primary person of concern must be the victim.



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



As Jesus rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Lk 19:36-38

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saint snippets

I shall spend every moment loving.

St. Bernadette of Lourdes
Young visionary of Our Lady of Lourdes in 1858

April 16

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Reflection on the Readings

Today we begin Holy Week, the highlight of the liturgical year culminating with the celebration of the Paschal Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, the celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent officially ends with the evening mass on Holy Thursday. On every Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion the first reading, the responsorial psalm and the second reading are always the same, while the gospel reading proclaims the passion narrative from one of the three synoptic gospels. **This year we focus on the passion narrative according to Luke.**

The refrain from responsorial Psalm 22 "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" speaks of the feeling of abandonment as Jesus undergoes his passion and death. At the same time the psalm ends on a note of praise and trust in God who saves all who call upon the Lord for help.

This dual focus is also the theme of the first reading from Isaiah who speaks of the rejection and suffering that the servant of the Lord endures for his faithfulness to the Lord. Through all this, God's servant trusts in the Lord and is fully confident that God will not allow the servant to be disgraced or put to shame. **Trust in God is what enables the servant to endure the tribulations of life.**

The second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians speaks of Jesus' willingness to let go of "equality with God" so as to become fully human. In this manner, Jesus was able to model what being truly human entails. Care and concern for others, even to the point of totally giving of oneself for others, is the essence of being human. Obedience to God demands such a lifestyle. God is always there, always concerned, and will never allow us to be disgraced or put to shame. **Fidelity to God's ways brings about new life and depth of relationship for all, no matter what life brings.**

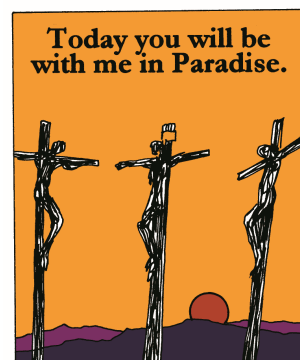
The gospel narrative presents each gospel writer's unique manner of presenting Jesus to their communities. Luke consistently portrays Jesus as the savior for all people, most especially the poor, the outcasts, the marginalized and all those having no societal status or power. Luke's Jesus is the bearer of God's good news to all, proclaiming the reality that God cares, is concerned and continually offers mercy,

forgiveness and a place at the table.

In the passion narrative, Luke presents a Jesus who is vulnerable and rejected by all those in power and authority. Jesus seems to be at the mercy of those who inflict harm, much like the poor and weak of the world. For Luke, Jesus is more a victim and a martyr, taking the role of the suffering servant and thus identifying with all those who are powerless and oppressed victims.

At the same time, Luke strongly emphasizes the innocence of Jesus. Like the oppressed victims of the world, Jesus, though innocent, is tortured and condemned to death. Luke has Pilate proclaim three times that Jesus is innocent (Lk 24: 4, 14, 22). Herod finds no guilt in Jesus (Lk 23:15). The centurion at the cross proclaims Jesus to be innocent (Lk 23:47).

Despite this unjust and undeserved suffering, Luke pictures Jesus as forgiving and serene throughout. There is no anguished cry from the cross as in Mark. Rather, Jesus prays for his persecutors, asking the Father to forgive them for "they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). Luke is the only gospel presenting the dialogue between the two thieves with Jesus promising the "good thief" that "today you will be with me in paradise" (Lk 23:43).



Throughout Luke's passion narrative, Jesus is pictured as innocent, prayerful, forgiving, serene and courageous. In this fashion, Luke offers us a model of discipleship. How is Luke's Jesus a model for your daily living?

Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, April 14

Gospel at the Procession: Luke 19:28-40

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Passion: Luke 22:14—23:56

Sunday, April 21

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we offer study sessions that provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **Our next Bible Study 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

Hoy comenzamos la Semana Santa, el punto culminante del año litúrgico que concluyendo con la celebración del Triduo Pascual, el Jueves Santo, el Viernes Santo y la Vigilia Pascual, la celebración de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús. La Cuaresma termina oficialmente con la Misa vespertina del Jueves Santo. En cada Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor, la primera lectura, el salmo responsorial y la segunda lectura son siempre iguales mientras que la lectura del evangelio proclama la narrativa de la pasión de uno de los tres evangelios sinópticos. **Este año nos centramos en la narrativa de la pasión según San Lucas.**

El estribillo del Salmo responsorial 22 "Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?" Habla del sentimiento de abandono cuando Jesús sufre su pasión y su muerte. Al mismo tiempo, el salmo termina con una nota de alabanza y confianza en Dios que salva a todos los que piden ayuda al Señor.

Este enfoque dual también es el tema de la primera lectura de Isaías, quien habla del rechazo y el sufrimiento que el siervo del Señor soporta por su fidelidad al Señor. A través de todo esto, el siervo de Dios confía en el Señor y confía plenamente en que Dios no permitirá que el siervo sea deshonrado o avergonzado. **Confiar en Dios es lo que permite al siervo soportar las cosas difíciles de la vida.**

La segunda lectura de la carta de Pablo a los filipenses habla de la voluntad de Jesús de abandonar su "condición divina" para volverse completamente humano. De esta manera, Jesús pudo modelar lo que implica ser verdaderamente humano. El cuidado y la preocupación por los demás, incluso hasta el punto de entregarse totalmente por los demás, es la esencia del ser humano. La obediencia a Dios exige tal estilo de vida. Dios siempre está ahí, siempre preocupado, y nunca nos permitirá ser deshonrados o avergonzados. **La fidelidad a la voluntad de Dios trae consigo una nueva vida y una relación profunda para todos, sin importar lo que la vida traiga.**

La narrativa del evangelio presenta la manera única de cada escritor del evangelio de presentar a Jesús a sus comunidades. Lucas siempre retrata a Jesús como el salvador de todas las personas, especialmente de los pobres, los marginados, y todos aquellos que no tienen ningún estatus social ni poder. El Jesús de Lucas es el portador de las buenas nuevas de Dios para todos, proclamando la

realidad de que Dios cuida, se preocupa y continuamente ofrece misericordia, perdón y un lugar en la mesa.

En la narrativa de la pasión, Lucas presenta a un Jesús que es vulnerable y rechazado por todos aquellos en poder y autoridad. Jesús parece estar a merced de quienes causan daño, al igual que los pobres y débiles del mundo. Para Lucas, Jesús es más una víctima y un mártir, que asume el papel del siervo sufriente y, por lo tanto, se identifica con todos aquellos que son víctimas impotentes y oprimidas.

Al mismo tiempo, Lucas enfatiza fuertemente la inocencia de Jesús. Al igual que las víctimas del mundo, Jesús, aunque inocente, es torturado y condenado a muerte. Lucas hace que Pilato proclame tres veces que Jesús es inocente (Lucas 24: 4, 14, 22). Herodes no encuentra culpa en Jesús (Lucas 23:15). El centurión en la cruz proclama a Jesús como inocente (Lucas 23:47).

A pesar de este sufrimiento injusto e inmerecido, Lucas describe a Jesús como perdonador y sereno en todo momento. No hay grito angustiado desde la cruz como en Marcos. Más bien, Jesús ora por sus perseguidores, pidiéndole al Padre que los perdone porque "no saben lo que hacen" (Lucas 23:34). Lucas es el único evangelio que presenta el diálogo entre los dos ladrones con Jesús que promete al ladrón "bueno" que "hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso" (Lucas 23:43).

A lo largo de la narrativa de la pasión de Lucas, Jesús se presenta como inocente, devoto, perdonador, sereno y valiente. De esta manera, Lucas nos ofrece un modelo de discipulado. ¿Cómo es el Jesús de Lucas un modelo para su vida diaria?

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 14 de Abril

Evangelio: Lucas 19:28-40

Primera Lectura: Isaías 50:4-7

Salmo: Salmo 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 2:6-11

Evangelio: Lucas 22:14—23:56

Lecturas del Domingo, 21 de Abril

Primera Lectura: Hechos 10:34a, 37-43

Salmo: Salmo 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 5:6-8

Evangelio: Juan 20:1-9

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.

¡Atención Ministras (niñas) Jóvenes! Si desea ayudar con nuestro Retiro para Quinceañeras el 27 de abril, comuníquese con Kirstie Roberts.

¡Retiro para Quinceañeras! Nuestro retiro anual de quinceañeras para las niñas se llevará a cabo el sábado, 27 de Abril, desde las 10:00am hasta las 4:00pm en el Salón Parroquial de Santa Sabina. Este retiro es para preparar a las jóvenes para su Quinceañera, así como también sirve de oportunidad para que todas las niñas de 14 años o más exploren su fe y compartan las alegrías de ser una joven católica. Necesitamos los registros lo mas pronto posible para que podamos reservar los espacios y la comida. Hojas para registrarse están disponibles en nuestra página web: www.stsabinaparish.org/permission-slips/ y en el espacio de reunión.

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!

Abril es el Mes Nacional de la Prevención del Abuso de Niños

El abuso sexual es sobre la víctima. Muchas personas está afectadas por el abuso, pero la persona más afectada es la víctima que ha sufrido una violación de confianza que puede afectar su vida entera. El abusador, la familia de los abusados y la comunidad parroquial están afectados por este pecado y este delito, pero la persona por la quien deberíamos preocuparnos más tiene que ser la víctima.



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

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Actualice Su Información de Membresía

¿Nuestra base de datos de la iglesia tiene SU registro de membresía familiar correcto? Ahora es la oportunidad de actualizar SU registro para nuestra Guía y Directorio anual, así como para nuestro directorio del 75 aniversario (si aún no lo ha hecho). Es hora de que actualicemos nuestra base de datos con cualquier cambio, adición o eliminación que pueda haber ocurrido en SU familia durante el año pasado. ¿Ha cambiado su número de teléfono? ¿se ha mudado? ¿Se está preparando para mudarse pronto? ¿Quiere que su registro sea publicado? Si aún no ha informado a la oficina parroquial sobre los cambios en su registro, háganoslo saber ahora para que la información imprimida sea correcta. Puede comunicarse con la oficina a budget@stsabinaparish.org o al 816-331-4713.

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 11 de mayo

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.**



¡Gracias a Nefthaly, Rosa y Alex por compartir su tiempo con nuestra parroquia!

Platos de Arroz—Un Encuentro con Nuestro Próximo

Nos encontramos con Jesús esta semana en Jerusalén, una comunidad que conocía bien. Entramos en oración a nuestras propias comunidades también, saliendo al encuentro de los que tienen hambre y sed, y los que necesitan nuestra ayuda. ¿De qué manera nuestra jornada de Cuaresma nos motiva a servir a aquellos con quienes nos encontramos en nuestra vida diaria? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para más información.

Horario de Liturgias de Semana Santa

Jueves Santo, 18 de abril a las 7pm. La Santa Adoración sigue inmediatamente después.

Viernes Santo, 19 de abril a las 7pm.

Vigilia Pascual, 20 de abril a las 8pm.

Domingo de Pascua, 21 de abril—usaremos nuestro horario dominical normal.

El Equipo de Arte y Ambiente Necesita Su Ayuda

¿Alguna vez entró a la iglesia al comienzo de una nueva temporada litúrgica y se dio cuenta de que se ve diferente? ¡El verde se ha ido! ¿Por qué está todo rojo ahora? ¿A dónde fueron todas las plantas? ¡Mira todos esos lirios! El grupo de personas responsables de esos cambios es nuestro equipo de Arte y Ambiente. Es su trabajo establecer el tono visual para cada temporada litúrgica. Estamos buscando voluntarios para ayudar al comité de Arte y Ambiente a prepararse para la Cuaresma, la Semana Santa y la Pascua. Las fechas planeadas para los preparativos del ambiente de la iglesia están abajo. Los preparativos incluyen colgar decoraciones, colocar los artículos litúrgicos necesarios y organizar los espacios utilizados en las liturgias especiales de la temporada. No hay que levantar objetos pesados, solo se necesita ayuda con muchos detalles. Regístrese en el espacio de reunión o comuníquese con Susan Ratigan (susan@stsabinaparish.org o 816-979-3158) si desea ayudar en una o todas estas fechas.

También estamos buscando a alguien que ayude a organizar este grupo de voluntarios, alguien para hacer llamadas telefónicas, organizar suministros y otras tareas administrativas durante todo el año. Por favor contacte a Susan Ratigan si puede satisfacer esta necesidad. ¡Gracias!

Jueves Santo: miércoles 17 de abril a las 9:00 AM

Viernes Santo: viernes 19 de abril a las 9:00 AM

Pascua: viernes 19 de abril, 8:00 pm (después del servicio del Viernes Santo)

Pentecostés: viernes 7 de junio, 9:00 a.m.



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