

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped work in our community garden on our March work day!

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

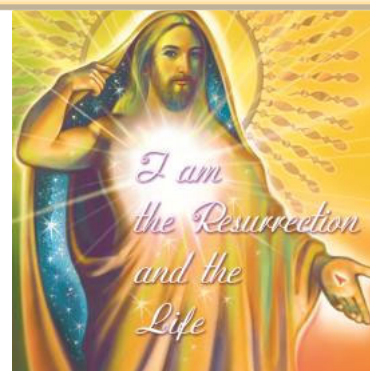
Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am
in English, 12:30pm in Spanish

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:00-3:30pm

Visit our website for Holy Day and
special Mass times

Altar Society Religious Article Sale

The Altar Society will be selling a beautiful selection of religious articles and jewelry after all Masses on the weekend of April 1/2. Stop by the table and shop for Easter, First Communion, and Mother's Day gifts. All proceeds benefit St. Sabina Parish.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Intentions for April 3-7, 2017

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed.	10:30am	COMMUNION SERVICE (Beautiful Savior)
Thurs.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Fri.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, April 8, 2017

4:00pm †Lucia Velasco

Sunday, April 9, 2017

8:00am	Intentions of the Parish Family
10:30am	†Cindy Prendergast
12:30pm Spanish	†Efren Jaimes

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

†Betty Axtell, Foxwood Springs

†Bob Howard, Foxwood Springs

†Gary Palmer, husband of Thelma Palmer

†Lucia Velasco, suegra de Paulina Basurto

†Donald Stella, brother of Jerry Stella



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, April 2 - Domingo, 2 de Abril

Donut Sunday—6th Grade

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

11:00am Escuela de Religión

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

11:00pm Comité Romero

7:00pm High School and Confirmation

Monday, April 3 - Lunes, 3 de Abril

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

7:00pm Talleres de Oración y Vida

Tuesday, April 4 - Martes, 4 de Abril

7:00am Youth Prayer Group

6:00pm Healthy Lifestyle Class

7:00pm ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua

7:00pm Adult Faith Formation Offering—Reformation

Wednesday, April 5 - Miércoles, 5 de Abril

9:00am Legion of Mary

10:00am Adult Faith Formation Offering—Reformation

6:00pm Cantor Practice

6:45pm Choir Practice (4:00 & 10:30 groups)

7:00pm Junior High Youth Group

7:00pm Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

7:00pm Love Thy Neighbor Meeting

7:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Thursday, April 6 - Jueves, 6 de Abril

9:30am Quilters

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

Friday, April 7 - Viernes, 7 de Abril

12:15pm Stations of the Cross

5:00pm Fish Fry

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Vía Crucis

Saturday, April 8 - Sábado, 8 de Abril

10:00am Quinceañera Retreat

10:00am Platicas Pre-bautismales

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, April 9 - Domingo, 9 de Abril

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

2:00pm PSR Party



Stations of



the Cross



Lenten and Parish Happenings



Friday Fish Fries

Our Knights of Columbus are hosting their famous fish fries again this Lenten season. Menu includes fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, French fries, corn on the cob, garlic potatoes, coleslaw and meatless spaghetti. Desserts will be provided by our Ladies Auxiliary. Prices are:

Adults (12 and older)	\$10.00
Seniors (55 and older)	\$ 9.00
Children (ages 5-11)	\$ 6.00
Family (immediate family living under the same roof)	\$30.00

Bring 5 canned goods to save \$1 on your meal! Our last fish fry of the season will be this Friday, April 7th, 5-7pm.

Stations of the Cross

This year our weekly Stations of the Cross will be a little different. The St. Francis Homeschool Co-op will be leading the Stations on Fridays at 12:15pm in English. We will continue to have Spanish Stations at 7pm on Fridays.

Stations of the Cross by the Parents Lounge

On Friday, April 7, the Parents Lounge will be presenting a Family Guided Stations of the Cross at 6pm. All are welcome to participate.

Area Lenten Reconciliation Services

Monday, April 3, 7pm at Visitation Parish

Tuesday, April 4, 7pm at St. Catherine

Wednesday, April 5, 5:30pm at St. Elizabeth Parish

Sunday, April 9, 2pm at St. Peter Parish

Sunday, April 9, 7:30pm at Church of the Nativity

Lenten Practices—prayer, fasting, almsgiving

During the season of Lent, we traditionally focus on the three practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Reflection booklets and other resources to aid your Lenten prayer are available in the gathering space. Take what you feel will be helpful, and please consider donating a dollar for each resource you take.

To help you with the practice of almsgiving, there are Rice Bowls from the Catholic Relief Services available in the gathering space as well. Following the calendar and reading the stories provided help us to connect how our sacrifice and donations can impact the lives of others.

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 (inclusive). 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.**

Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass: April 13 at 7pm, followed by adoration until 12, midnight.

Good Friday Service: April 14 at 7pm.

Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday, April 15 at 8pm. *Please note that there will be no 4pm Mass this day.*

Easter Sunday Mass: Sunday, April 16 at 8am and 10:30am in English, 12:30pm in Spanish.

Community Garden Work Day—April 8

Community Garden Workday, Saturday April 8 9am-noon. We will be hosting some volunteers from Avila University. Wear closed-toe shoes and work gloves. Bring shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows.

Altar Society to Begin Providing Coffee

Our Altar Society will begin providing coffee after the 8am and 10:30am Masses after Easter. To make this possible, we need more people to join the Altar Society. This is a great way to meet and work with other women of the parish, and by providing coffee after Masses, this is a great way to meet other people in our parish family. To help, please contact Kathy Moorman at kcmoorman@msn.com or 913-491-6809.

Need Help with Your Home?

We are gearing up for our third annual **St. Sabina Helping Hands** work day. We are currently accepting applications for those who need help with minor home repairs and yard maintenance such as: some painting, gutter work, minor plumbing, etc. Applications and more information are available in the gathering space. If you need help with your home, please look over the information provided in the gathering space, as this is not a complete list of what we can do. Application deadline is April 29, 2017.



Area Information

Contemporary Spirituality Speaker Series

A Quaker Spirituality of Listening

Kathryn Damiano

Saturday, April 8 – at Avila University 9:00 am – 12:00 noon



Kathryn Damiano, a Quaker and lifelong contemplative, is a teacher of in-depth spiritual life studies and retreat leader who sees her ministry as working for peace and justice through spiritual formation. She has served as spiritual director at Pendle Hill, a Quaker center for study and contemplation. She co-founded the School of the Spirit, a two-year offering in spiritual formation. She received a Master of Divinity from United Theological Seminary (United Methodist), a Masters in counseling psychology, an internship in spiritual direction at the Jesuit Renewal Center, and a Ph.D. in spiritual theology.

(Admission: \$15)

Married Couples: It's spring training time. Play ball with your spouse and sign up to hit a home run at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend in Kansas City is April 28-30, 2017 For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net.

Ladies of Charity of Metropolitan Kansas City Special Event April 25th

The Ladies of Charity of Metropolitan KC will host a private showing of the 2017 Symphony Designers' Showhouse on Monday, April 25 from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Located on a hill overlooking a park just east of Gillham Road at 816 Gleed Terrace in Kansas City, MO, the 3-story home built in 1908 is listed on the National Register of Historic Homes. It features many original architectural details inside and out. Come join us and tour this stately 108-year-old home, enjoy a boxed lunch, raffle and shop at the unique KCSA boutique. Invite friends and family and make it a special day! The cost is \$30/person and helps support our beneficiaries: Duchesne Clinic, Seton Center and Villa St. Francis. To register, mail your check payable to "Ladies of Charity" before April 15 to Karen Camarata, 5508 W. 129th St., Overland Park, KS 66209. For more information contact, Marnie Robinett (913) 451-2484.

happy birthday

Remington Adams	Alberta Jaimes	Antonio Munoz
Stephanie Anderson	Joel Jaimes	Joel Perez
Jorge Andrade	Gerardo Jara	Ricardo Quinones
Isabel Arreola	Tiffany Jimenez	Antonio Racela
Juan Arroyo	Mary King	Larry Rhodes
Megan Bautista	Pamela Kuti	Miriam Rojo
Jonathan Biondo	Michael Laughlin	Logan Ruby
Helen Braley	Lisa Liberman	Raven Sandoval
Paz Cedillo	Camila Lopez	Cristal Sanjuan
Joel Chavez	Joliett Lopez	Amanda Sell
Maria Chavez	Martha Lopez	Jamie Shipley
John Cisetti	Elijah Lowther	Michael Skipton
Jason Colombo	Fallow Madrigal	Hugo Soperanez
George Damian	Evelyn Majors	Josiah Sowers
Isidoro Dominguez	Alberto Mancha	Pyper Spiller
Jerod Duncan	Adam Martin	Josh Srader
Christine Figge	Caleb Martinez	Hermie Timmons
Anita Frey	Olvin Martinez	Jose Toledo
Ivan Garcia	Yovannie Martinez	Stephanie Toledo
Veronica Garcia	Gilberta Medina	Cesar Trejo
Mary Gates	Anderson Menjivar	Charles Wilbur
Amber Hartenbower	Antonio Molina	Lainey Yanez
Jennifer Henke	Hector Molina	Sandra Yanez
Urici Hernandez	Marvin Molina	Diana Zarco
Luis Hinojos	Dora Monrial	Alonzo Zavala
Bob Hoyer	Maria Morales	
Jonathan Huerta	Leslie Moss	

Happy Anniversary

Glen and Mary Schmidt	47 Years!	04-04-1970
David and Susan Rogers	38 Years!	04-07-1979
Roger and Karen Poole	36 Years!	04-07-1981
Stephen and Martha Carter	28 Years!	04-08-1989
Pedro and Monica Lopez	28 Years!	04-08-1989
Patrick and Patricia Carr	26 Years!	04-06-1991
Michael and Belinda Peters	20 Years!	04-05-1997
Thomas and Melinda Baty	9 Years!	04-08-2008

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to **Isla Wren**, the daughter of Corey and Sonja Morgan, who will be baptized this weekend.



Quinceañera Congratulations

Congratulations to **Shirley Salcedo**, the daughter of Diego Salcedo and Salustia Enriquez, who celebrates her Quinceañera today at the 12:30 Mass!



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Apr 5	10:30am	Beautiful Savior (Communion Service)
Apr 12	10:00am	Rehabilitation of Raymore
Apr 19	10:00am	Foxwood Springs

I was ill and you visited me... Join Us For Wednesday Mass

Each month Fr. Jeff celebrates Wednesday Mass at a different Senior Living Center or long term care facility (see the above schedule). You are always welcome to join us at any of these Masses. If you need more information contact Marta Roper in the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick?

If you suffer from a chronic illness, the affect of advanced years or have an upcoming surgery and wish to receive this sacrament let Fr Jeff know before the Mass you attend and he will be glad to anoint you after Mass. If you would like to schedule it in advance or make an appointment for a weekday contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Marilyn Avalos	Laverne Harlow	Gary Palmer
Polleth Bautista	Amber Hartenbower	Thelma Palmer
Nikki Barrett	Cherie Hatfield	Justin Putnam
John Bidondo	Bob Heffernan	Patricia Rellihan
Allie Biondo	Bart Henke	Yvonne Salmon
Rick Castenada	Rhonda Henke	Shelline Smoot
Anna Clark	Essie Humbird	Jim Storm
Barbara Clark	Rita Jordan	Leo Storm
Kristen Conner	Bertha Kramer	Mary Jane Storm
Joseph Coots	Kelsey Krum	Jean Tate
Paul DeMar	Glen Lewis	Ruth Tayler
Nolan Dickerson	Beverly Little	Angel Thomas
Frances DiGeorge	Debbie Locke	Priscilla Tristani
Terry Eppert	Jo Locke	Nancy Torres
Butch Ford	Denise Mehlo	Senny Vigil
Emily Frezza	Leonard Meiron	Rose Wall
Dick Garnier	Alice Miller	Mary Westfall
John Giaccone	Joan Muench	Marie Wilburn
William Glenn	Mona Neighbors	Jeannette Woolworth
June Glunt	Bella Nouryeh	Merle Woolworth
Karen Grantham	Jane Nouryeh	Truly Wright
Devin Thomas Harley	Rick Orey	Carmitia Yust
		Pablo Zayas

Wellness Center

Natural First Aid for Minor Burns



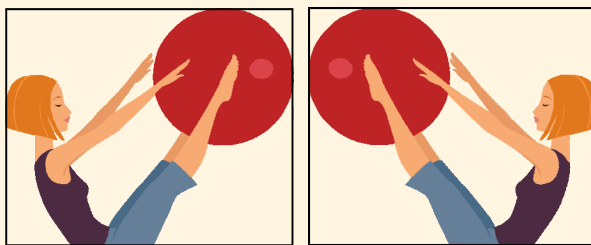
Antibiotic gels are often used for minor burns. Two of the active ingredients in the gels, neomycin and bacitracin, can cause an itchy-rash allergic reaction.

Try nature's sweetener, honey. First and second degree burns treated with honey can heal almost twice as fast as those treated with a traditional burn cream, according to a study in the Indian Journal of Plastic

Surgery. Honey's antibacterial properties can help burns become sterile more quickly, lessening the chance of infection. Gently clean the burn with cool water. Then apply a thick layer of honey to a non-adherent pad, place it over the injured area, cover with another pad, and tape. Bee Safe!

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Tuesday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm
Wednesday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Strength & Restore 6-7pm
Thursday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Circuit Training 6-7pm
Friday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm



Schedule your screening today!

School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities

Uplift Org. If you would like to bring meals to the homeless on the 4th or 5th Monday of any month, please contact Kirstie Roberts! This ministry is open to all parishioners age 14 and older. Volunteers must report to the Uplift Warehouse by 5pm and will be finished around 9:30pm.

Uplift Cooks! Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. We recommend that you bring a good cutting knife, vegetable peeler and can opener. Our next cooking date is April 24th

Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. Our next date is April 20th, 6-8pm. If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. Our next volunteer date is April 19th. Contact Berenice Zayas in the parish office for more information or to sign up. Phone: 816-979-3150 or email: berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Quinceañera Retreat

Our quinceañera retreat for girls will be held on Saturday, April 8 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. Registration forms are available on our website at www.stsabinaparish.org/permission-slips/.

Junior High Youth!

Your next meetings will be April 5th and 19th at 7pm.

High School and Confirmation Youth!

Your next meetings will be April 2nd 23rd at 7pm.

Pictured to the right: the children preparing to receive their First Communion this spring participated in a "Tour of the Church" night where they made banners, liturgical bread, had a tasting of the wine used in communion and participated in a tour led by Fr. Jeff.

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/>



Stewardship

"Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people!"

Ezekiel 37: 12-13

God says in today's reading "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them," a definite allusion to resurrection. Two verses later God says, "I will put my spirit in you that you may live." This is the same Spirit, of course, that St. Paul addresses in the Second Reading. It is the Spirit which is at the heart of our search and our endeavors to prepare for resurrection, both that of Jesus on Easter and our own. This all has to do with life, not death. It is this life which should give us hope. That is what we are truly seeking — new life and hope. Are we addressing the lifeless and hopeless characteristics of our life? Our calling is to give life. Living as good stewards is one of the ways that we can do that. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Auction Tickets Now Available

When: Friday, April 21, 6pm

6pm: Silent Auction

7pm: Dinner

8pm: Live Auction



Where: St Sabina Gym and Parish Hall. The dinner and live auction will take place in the gym. The silent auction takes place in the parish hall.

Tickets: You may purchase tickets now through the link on our parish website, www.stsabina-parish.org.

Cost: Tickets are \$30 each, or a couple is \$50. Reserve a table of 8 for \$300.

Who: Emceed by Larry Moore

Menu: Roasted Brisket in Mushroom Sauce, Spinach and Artichoke Smothered Chicken, Italian Salad, Green Beans with Bacon and Onion, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Pasta Primavera, Fresh Fruit, Buttered Yeast Rolls, Assorted Gourmet Brownies and Angel Berry Trifle.

Volunteers Needed: We are asking the community to donate their time, talent, or treasure to make this auction a success! We need talented individuals to make this auction a success: procurement, set-up, decorating, check-out, bar tending, and clean-up. To volunteer, please contact Laura Pierce at 816-797-9371, or email her at piercelauram@gmail.com.

Donations: We need assistance in procuring donations for the auction such as vacation time shares, event tickets, goods and services, loaded gift baskets, and one-of-a-kind experiences. To donate an item, please call David Pierce at 816-392-1110, or email David at piercehobbitts@sbcglobal.net. We would like to get all donations turned in by April 7th. Most of all, we need you!

Funds raised: Funds raised will go to help our community garden, our youth group and the general needs of our parish.

Attention Gardeners!

Do you have an interest in keeping our church grounds neat and attractive? Spring is coming, and we have 15 garden beds to maintain. This year we are again promoting an "Adopt a Garden Bed" program. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space for people who wish to adopt a garden or just want to help by trimming bushes, spreading mulch, etc. Please consider helping in this way. If you have any questions contact Jim Bornheimer at 816-331-6824.

Green Team Tip of the Week

April 7 2017 is Missouri Arbor Day because it is the best time to plant trees. Learn more at <https://mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/tree-care>.

March 26th Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$11,800.29
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,022.71
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 583.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 2,398.59

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

Encounter Resilience

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Reflection on the Readings



The fifth Sunday of Lent is the last of the three Scrutiny Sundays that are celebrated during Lent whenever the Elect are present. Scrutiny Sundays allow the whole community, especially the elect (catechumens) and candidates, to pray that God would lift from us, both personally and communally, anything that gets in the way of our following Christ.

The gospel readings for Scrutiny Sundays help in focusing our need to draw closer to the life giving waters that only Jesus can give (the Samaritan woman at the well), as we open ourselves up to the new sight (the healing of the man born blind) and new life (the raising of Lazarus) that results from being immersed into Jesus through the waters of baptism.

The refrain from Psalm 130 proclaimed on the Fifth Sunday of Lent captures well the intent of the Scrutiny Sundays and the whole of Lent: "With the Lord, there is mercy and the fullness of redemption." With the Lord is "forgiveness." The Lord can be trusted. The Lord's ears are always "attentive" to our "voice in supplication." Therefore, out of the very depths of our life's experiences, we can cry out to the Lord with confidence that things will work out. Our trust is placed completely in God who is merciful and always ready to free us from whatever prevents us from being in relationship.

John's gospel narrative of the raising of Lazarus is a profound narrative having rich baptismal themes. We claim Jesus our Lord of Life, as John's Jesus affirms "I am the resurrection and the life." Just as Jesus questions Martha, "Do you believe this?" we too are challenged by Jesus as to whether we believe as well.

Do we really believe that Jesus has the power over life and death? Many affirm belief in an afterlife. *But how many of us affirm that belief in this life?* After all Lazarus is not raised to eternal life. Lazarus is raised up in this life, to continue his life once again, renewed in spirit and in body.

How many of us truly believe that our faith in Jesus can help us walk through the many

"death" experiences that life sends our way? Life's many losses, hurts and pains are "deaths" that we experience in this life. *Do we believe that God can help us bring new life, meaning and understanding as we walk through these "valleys of darkness?"* *Do we call out to God "out of the depths" of our lives, trusting always that God will hear and bring about new life and meaning out of even the most wretched moments of our lives?*

Ezekiel in the first reading affirms this reality for Jews in exile. Exiled to Babylonia, the people have lost their king, temple and land. They are totally crushed and without hope, like dead bones in an open field. Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones coming back to life offers them hope by affirming God as the God of life and not death. Our God does bring new life no matter how desperate things look or feel. Ezekiel firmly enjoins us to trust in the Lord who is full of mercy and redemption. We believe that such trust in our loving God does bring about new life, meaning and awareness. John's Jesus challenges us with "Do you believe this?"

The second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans proclaims that united with Christ, we have within us the life-giving Spirit as our source of life. "If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells within you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also...." Believe and you will live.

As we anticipate Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, pray that you have the courage to trust the Lord always, no matter what life brings. After all, this is the very meaning of the Paschal Mystery that we celebrate at Easter. *"Do you believe this?"*

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, April 2

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 9

Gospel at Procession: Matthew 21:1-11

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

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

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

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 are offering study sessions that will provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **We will gather on April 9th and 23rd at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will.
For further information, please call the Parish Office.

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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



El quinto domingo de Cuaresma es el último de los tres Domingos de Escrutinio que se celebran durante la Cuaresma

siempre que los Electos estén presentes. Los Domingos de Escrutinio permiten a toda la comunidad, especialmente a los electos (catecúmenos) y a los candidatos, orar para que Dios quite de nosotros, tanto personalmente como comunitariamente, cualquier cosa que se interponga en nuestro camino de seguir a Cristo.

Las lecturas del Evangelio para los Domingos de Escrutinio ayudan a enfocar nuestra necesidad de acercarnos al agua viva que sólo Jesús puede dar (la samaritana en el pozo), al abrimos a la nueva vista (la curación del ciego) y a la nueva vida (la resurrección de Lázaro) que resulta de sumergirse en Jesús a través de las aguas del bautismo.

El refrán del Salmo 129 proclamado en el Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma refleja bien la intención de los Domingos de Escrutinio y de toda la Cuaresma: "Del Señor viene la misericordia y la redención copiosa". Con el Señor es el "perdón". Se puede confiar en el Señor. Los oídos del Señor están siempre "atentos" a nuestra "voz de súplica". Por lo tanto, desde las profundidades de las experiencias de nuestra vida, podemos clamar al Señor con confianza de que las cosas saldrán bien. Nuestra confianza está puesta completamente en Dios que es misericordioso y siempre dispuesto a liberarnos de todo lo que nos impide estar en relación con Él.

La narrativa evangélica de Juan de la resurrección de Lázaro es una

narrativa profunda que tiene ricos temas bautismales. Afirmamos que Jesús es nuestro Señor de la Vida, como afirma el Jesús de Juan "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida". Justo como Jesús le pregunta a Marta: "¿Crees tú esto?", también nosotros somos desafiados por Jesús en cuanto a si creemos también.

¿Realmente creemos que Jesús tiene el poder sobre la vida y la muerte? Muchos afirman la creencia en una vida después de la muerte. *¿Pero cuántos de nosotros afirmamos esa creencia en esta vida?* Después de todo, Lázaro no es levantado a la vida eterna. Lázaro es levantado en esta vida, para continuar su vida una vez más, renovado en espíritu y en cuerpo.

¿Cuántos de nosotros realmente creemos que nuestra fe en Jesús puede ayudarnos a caminar a través de las muchas experiencias de "muerte" que la vida nos envía? Las muchas pérdidas, heridas y dolores de la vida son "muertes" que experimentamos en esta vida.

¿Creemos que Dios puede ayudarnos a traer nueva vida, significado y comprensión mientras caminamos por estos "valles de tinieblas"? ¿Clamamos a Dios "de las profundidades" de nuestras vidas, confiando siempre en que Dios escuchará y nos dará una nueva vida y un mejor significado de los momentos más miserables de nuestras vidas?

En la primera lectura Ezequiel afirma esta realidad para los judíos en el exilio. Exiliado a Babilonia, el pueblo ha perdido su rey, su templo y su tierra. Están totalmente destrozados y sin esperanza, como huesos muertos en un campo abierto. La visión de

Ezequiel del valle de los huesos secos volviendo a la vida les ofrece esperanza al afirmar a Dios como el Dios de la vida y no de la muerte. Nuestro Dios trae nueva vida sin importar que tan desesperada parece o siente la situación. Ezequiel nos ordena firmemente confiar en el Señor que está lleno de misericordia y redención. Creemos que tal confianza en nuestro Dios amoroso trae nueva vida, significado y conciencia. El Jesús de Juan nos desafía con "¿Crees tú esto?"

La segunda lectura de la carta de Pablo a los Romanos proclama que unidos a Cristo, tenemos dentro de nosotros el Espíritu vivificante como nuestra fuente de vida. "Si el Espíritu del Padre, que resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos, habita en ustedes, entonces el Padre, que resucitó a Cristo de entre los muertos, también les dará vida a sus cuerpos mortales..." Crea y vivirá.

Mientras esperamos la Semana Santa y el Triduo Pascual, ore para que tenga el valor de confiar siempre en el Señor, sin importar lo que traiga la vida. Después de todo, este es el mismo significado del Misterio Pascual que celebramos en la Pascua. *"¿Crees tú esto?"*

Biagio Mazza,
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 2 de Abril

Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 37:12-14

Salmo: Salmo 129:1-2, 3-4, 5-7ab, 7cd-8

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8:8-11

Evangelio: Juan 11:1-45

Lecturas del Domingo, 9 de Abril

Evangelio de Procesión: Mateo 21:1-11

Primera Lectura: Isaías 50:4-7

Salmo: Salmo 21:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 2:6-11

Evangelio: Mateo 26:14-27:66

Corresponsabilidad/Ministerio Juvenil

Un Encuentro con la Resistencia

Nos encontramos con Dita en Etiopía, y vemos como sus recién descubiertas habilidades empresariales están proporcionando tres comidas al día a sus hijos. ¿Qué habilidades ha descubierto esta Cuaresma que se pueden poner a buen uso en la construcción del reino de Dios? Visite crsplatodearroz.org para más información.



Entradas de la Subasta Están Disponibles - 21 de Abril

Cuándo: Viernes, 21 de abril, 6pm

6pm: Subasta silenciosa

7pm: Cena

8pm: Subasta en vivo

Dónde: Gimnasio y Salón Parroquial de Sta. Sabina. La cena y subasta en vivo estarán en el gimnasio. La subasta silenciosa estará en el salón parroquial.

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- 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 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 Victimias, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o kchastain@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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Horario de Misas de Semana Santa y Pascua

Misa del Jueves Santo: jueves, 13 de abril a las 7pm, seguido por adoración hasta las doce, medianoche.

Servicio del Viernes Santo: viernes, 14 de abril a las 7pm.

Misa de la Vigilia Pascual: sábado, 15 de abril a las 8pm.

Misa del Domingo de Pascua: domingo, 16 de abril a las 8am y 10:30am en Inglés y las 12:30pm en Español.

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Lunes, 3 de abril, 7pm en Visitation

Martes, 4 de abril, 7pm en Sta. Catherine

Miércoles, 5 de abril, 5:30 pm en Sta. Elizabeth

Domingo, 9 de abril, 2pm en San Peter

Domingo, 9 de abril, 7:30 pm en la Iglesia de la Natividad

Platicas Pre-Bautismales-8 de Abril

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a 1 pm (Sólo para Niños de 0-6 años) Salón de juntas. Sótano de la Parroquia. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. Infórmese PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151 Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**



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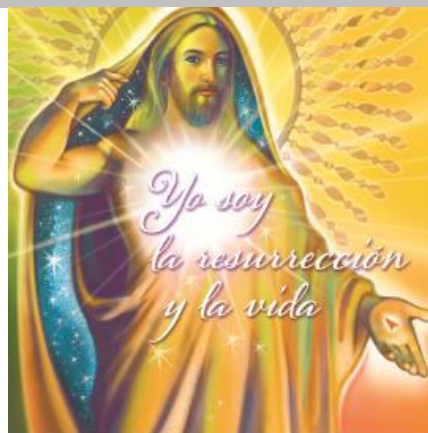
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