

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

— Psalm 23:1

Mass Intentions/Mass March 25– 31

Saturday, March 25 6 pm

† Deacon Pedro Castillo / Family
† Ralph P. Valerio Sr. / Husband
† Cindy B. Sipes / Mother
† Maria Louisa Padilla / Padilla Family
† Samuel & Refugia Padilla / Padilla Family
† Jose & Carolina Ortega / Padilla Family

Sunday, March 26 8am

† Deacon Pedro Castillo / Family
† David Vallejo / Vallejo Family
† Betty Martinez / Dan Martinez
† Daniel & Olivia Martinez / Son Dan Martinez
† Arturo & Marianna Muñoz / Dan Martinez

Sunday, March 26 10am

† Darline Escamilla / Family
† Gloria F. Galindo / Husband & Family
† Juvencio Baca / Wife & Family
† John Albert Gonzales / Family
(Health) Joann Alvarado / Mom Hortencia Alvarado

Sunday, March 26 12pm/noon

† Concepcion Sanchez / Family
† Rudy Lara / Family
† Suzell Ann Waller / Eddie & Rosie Reyes

Monday, March 27 8:30am

† Juvencio Baca / Wife & Family

Tuesday, March 28 8:30am

Wednesday, March 29 11:00am

† Roberto Martinez / Connie Martinez

Thursday, March 30 8:30am

† Salvador Martinez / Luz Maria Valenzuela

Friday, March 31 8:30 a.m.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

VELADORA DEL SANTUARIO

For the Soul of Bobby Gutierrez by Altar Society
For the Health of Joann Alvarado
by: Her Mother, Hortencia S. Alvarado
For the Health of Nancy Rodriguez
by Mary Jane Soto

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SUNDAY OFFERINGS Mar. 18 & 19

1st Collection \$5,097.49 2nd \$527.66
Bldg. Fund \$ 451,132.32
Young Peoples: \$44.00

This weeks 2nd collection Catholic Relief Services
Next weeks 2nd collection: Building Fund

Breakfast served by Prayer Group

HIJOS DE LA LUZ

El futuro rey, David, en la primera lectura de hoy, es un ejemplo de un tipo de personaje presente a lo largo de las escrituras hebreas. Es el hijo que nace fuera de lugar (no es ni el mayor ni el preferido) pero a fin de cuentas recibe la promesa de la alianza. El espíritu de Dios lo llena con su unción. Es esto, se parece al hombre que nació ciego del Evangelio de hoy. La familia de David y la comunidad del ciego no esperaban que la gracia milagrosa del amor de Dios obrara por medio de ellos. Quizás ellos, también, estaban “ciegos” por las expectativas y suposiciones de los que los rodeaban. Sin embargo, luego de ser tocados por Dios, ambos “vieron” la presencia de la voluntad de Dios para ellos. Ambos se convirtieron en mensajeros de la voluntad de Dios. Ese mismo Espíritu de unción de Dios nos llenó en nuestro bautismo; se nos dio un cirio como símbolo de que somos miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Luz de la Luz. Nuestra vocation, entonces, es cumplir esa iluminación, esa unción, como se nos dice en Efesios, viviendo como “hijos de la luz”.

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were “blinded” by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to “see” the presence of God's will. For them. Both same messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tell us, by living as “children of the light.”

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the Eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today's custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone's surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church's history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ's sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn't a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.

This Week in Holy Family Parish

Monday, March 27 - Holy Family Parish Lenten Mission, in English, -**March 27-30** at 7pm, in Holy Family Church, guided by Father Bob Hogan

Friday, March 31 - Stations of the Cross in Church at 7pm, with the Activadades Marianas as they walk the way with Jesus.

Special Thanks to all the Volunteers who came out to help with our first **FOOD FAIR!** It was a great success! We are very pleased to announce that we served 132 families in our community.

Project Rachel will host an abortion recovery retreat on Saturday, April 8, from 8:30 to 5:30 at our private convenient ministry house. The *Raphael's Way* program is for anyone, man or woman, who has been part of or impacted by an abortion decision or experience. Call 210-342-4673 (342-HOPE) for location and information on registration.

Astronaut Ed Aldrin was involved in the first moon landing. He said that he hoped its technical success would not blind us to its deeper spiritual meaning. His point was this: Seen from the moon, our Earth appears as a tiny spaceship. That perspective of Earth, says Aldrin, highlights—for those with eyes to see—that we are one family under God and should start living that way.

What tends to keep me from seeing that we are all one family under God? How might I keep myself from being “blinded” by this difficult?

The Fox said to the Little Prince, “Now here's my secret: it is only with the heart that one can see rightly.”

On This Day March 27

In 1513 the coast of Florida was first sighted by Spaniard explorer Juan Ponce de Leon with 3 ships and 200 men. He named the land *La Florida* (flowery land) because it was Easter Sunday (Pascua de Flores, Flowery Easter) and on account of its lush blooming vegetation.

March 29

In 1882 Fr. Michael McGivney of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT, chartered the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, as a fraternal benefit society. Today there are over 1.8 million members in more than 14,000 councils worldwide.

EUCHARIST MINISTER-LECTORS APRIL 1 & 2

Saturday 6:00 pm

Celia Rodriguez Terry Guerrero
Elva Calderon

Sunday 8:00 am

Sergio Araiza & Irasema Gonzalez Fernando Gil
Josie Gonzalez & Angie Martinez

10 am

Greg & Diana De La Cruz Cesar Sierra
Robert & Connie Deleon Genevieve Torres

12 noon

Eddie Duran & Juan Charo Jennifer Deleon-Rios
Terry Lara & Audrie Martinez Pat Charo

From Father Emmet:

This weekend and this week, join me in welcoming Father Bob Hogan to Holy Family Parish. He comes to us to guide us in prayer and reflection at all our weekend masses, and each evening this week, Monday through Thursday, March 27-30, at 7p.m. in our church. This is our time to continue our good works of Lent, and to prepare ourselves to celebrate the joys of Holy Week and Easter.

The evening of Thursday, March 27, is dedicated to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Extra priests will be present to celebrate the mercy of the good shepherd for us in this sacrament.

UPCOMING EVENTS

by Fall Festival Committee

RANCHER PLATE: Saturday, May 6, 2017 - Chicken, sausage & brisket w/corn on the cob & baked potato \$10 a ticket. We are only selling 500 tickets.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

YARD SALE: Saturday, May 6, 2017 9am-2pm Parking spots are \$10 a spot. (If you are interested in getting a spot, please call Cynthia Alonso at (210)421-5563)

MINI FALL FESTIVAL w/Raffle: October 8, 2017 From 11am to 5pm (If interested in being a contributor for Raffle prizes please feel free to call Cynthia Alonso @ (210)421-5563 by the end of March, in order to have time for printers to print out tickets)

TURKEY BINGO: November 12, 2017 Cards 2 for \$5 or \$3 per card; 15 games w/5 Specials

CHRISTMAS BINGO: December 10, 2017 - Cards 2 for \$5 or \$3 per card; 10 games w/5 Specials



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Spring Open House

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Register at admissions@holycross-sa.org or call 210-433-2178

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-Mi Amor, hoy estamos de aniversario de matrimonio, ¿por qué no matamos un pollo? -¿Y que culpa tiene el pollo? ¿por qué no matamos a tu hermano que fue el que nos presentó?

