

## The Ten Commandments of Lent



1. **SPEAK WITH PEOPLE.** There is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. **SMILE AT PEOPLE.** It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
3. **CALL PEOPLE BY NAME.** The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
4. **BE FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL.** If you would have friends, be a friend.
5. **BE CORDIAL.** Speak and act as if everything you do is genuine pleasure.
6. **BE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN PEOPLE.** You can like almost everybody if you try.
7. **BE GENEROUS WITH PRAISE** ~ Cautious with criticism.
8. **BE CONSIDERATE WITH THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS.** There are usually three sides to a controversy. Yours, the other fellow's and the right side.
9. **BE ALERT TO GIVE SERVICE.** What counts most in life is what we do for others.
10. **ADD TO THIS A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR.** A big dose of patience and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded many fold.

## Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of March 19/20

### Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm TBA  
Sun. 8:00am TBA  
Sun. 10:30am TBA

### Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Debbie Patterson\*/Paul M./Sherry G.  
Sun. 8:00am Robert Brown\*/Wayne M./David B./Rachel H.  
Sun. 10:30am Kevin Prouty\*/Steven H./Dennis C./Erik A.

### Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 4:00pm Gary Whalin/Linda Whalin/Michael Gumler  
Sun. 8:00am Paul Willy/Trisha Willy  
Sun. 10:30am Shelilah Dean/Bud McClure/Lou Roberts  
Donna Roberts/Martha Aranda/Bill Redrick

## **FASTING and ABSTINENCE** ♥

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and have not yet celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Abstinence from meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Stations of the Cross**

We will have Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays in Spanish at 6:45pm and Fridays in English at 7:00pm.



### **Lenten Masses**

During the Season of Lent we will have Mass in English on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm in the Old Church.

### **St. John's Seniors Group Meeting**

The St John's Seniors Group will meet on Tuesday, March 15, 2016; starting at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. This month's program will be a Spring Fashion Show presented by the BonsWorth Department Store Staff. Lunch will be covered dish. Please plan to attend the meeting.

### **Knights of Columbus**

#### **Fish Fry**

The KC is hosting an "All you can Eat" Fish Fry Dinner every Friday during Lent from 6-8pm in the Parish Hall. Cost: \$10 for Adults & \$5 for Children (12 and under). Bring your whole family!



## *Living with change*

"SEE, I AM DOING SOMETHING NEW! NOW IT SPRINGS FORTH, DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?" (Isaiah 43:19).

God's saving action as summed up in the Isaiah story continues to be repeated throughout our lives. We are constantly being delivered from death to life if we are willing to cooperate. I think of people like my friend who lost his job and began a successful business, and my now deceased mother, who found wonderful new friendships when her failing health forced her into assisted living.

Change, especially when it is thrust upon us rather than chosen, is rarely welcomed. We may feel disoriented, anxious, and angry; we may resist the very things that will eventually prove to be life-giving. Worst of all, we may so desperately want to hold on to the way things used to be that we entirely miss the gifts to be found in the present moment.

Saving God, help us to see the wonder of your faithfulness.

Terri Mifal

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT/QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Monday, March 14

1:00 PM Crochet Ministry at Casa St. John
7:00 PM Grupo de Oración en la Casa St. John
7:00 PM Daily Lenten Mass

Tuesday, March 15

9-10 AM Confessions
10:00 AM Sr. Citizens meeting in Parish Hall
6-6:30 PM Confessions
7:00 PM Daily Lenten Mass

Wednesday, March 16

9-10 AM Confessions
6:45 PM Via Crucis

Thursday, March 17

12 Noon-1 PM Confessions
6-6:30 PM Confessions
7:00 PM Daily Lenten Mass
7:00 PM RCIA meeting in Casa St. John

Friday, March 18

8:00 A.M Daily Lenten Mass
8:30-9:30 A.M Confessions
6:00 P.M KC "Fish Fry" - Parish Hall
7:00 P.M Stations of the Cross

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Prayer Requests

Richard Collier
Richard Lozano Sr.
Mike Gonzales
Amalia Ibarra
Ma. Mercedes Sanchez
Kenneth Elliott
Jennifer Whitehouse
Odilia Vargas
Patricia Reyes
Frank Kasper
Paul Gumler
Jimmy Blasingame
Rosario Rodriguez
Cindy Kinkaid
Rosann Kinkaid
Mayra Anguiano
Michelle Elliott
John "Sonny" Jones
Bill Blankenship
Patti Sikors Garrett
Yamileth Martinez
Warren Terry
Frances Aguirre
Rosa Esperanza Ramirez
Crystal Sanchez
Susana Olvera
Nancy Bardsley
Barbara Sikors Hendricks

Nick Morales, Sr.
Jack Sikors
Raul Rivera
Brenda Newburn
Henry Taft
Martha Kasper
Edgar Reyes
Mason Gumler
Felipa Garcia
Joe Wages
Donna Lain
Margarito Soto
William Mellon
Laurie Rangel
Olivia Nicole Yates
Erica Vargas
Margaret Wages
Lee Wilde
Elaine Kasper
Sheila Wages
Jerry Lain
Lucy Carrillo
Lucio Lopez
Johnnie B. Malouf
Jodie Fenton
Clemente Medina
Luis Meza
Pascual Meza

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 12

4:00 PM †Edith Rittmuller by Elsie & Paul Rittmuller

Sunday, March 13

8:00 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM †Juan Carlos Valle by Family
12:15 PM †Maria Ines Ramirez Int. de Nelly Duarte

Monday, March 14

7:00 PM †Dorothy Newburn by Elsie & Paul Rittmuller

Tuesday, March 15

7:00 PM †Drilma Vezina by Maxine & Tom Koller

Thursday, March 17

7:00 PM April Biondi by Nicky White

Friday, March 18

8:00 AM †Dorothy Newburn by Connie Rodriguez

Saturday, March 19

4:00 PM In Honor of St. Joseph

Sunday, March 20

8:00 AM For an end to abortion and a greater respect for Human Life at all stages by Sherry Goelden and Lucy Krouskop
10:30 AM †Tony Sifuentes, Sr. by Carmen Sifuentes & Family
12:15 PM Pro Populo

Sound Catholic practice encourages us to offer the Mass for the departed and for those in any need. To request a Mass to be offered, please visit the parish office or return to the office a completed Mass intention card. Available cards are located in the foyer of the church.

Anointing of the Sick



Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use in order to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Orosco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.

## Last Week's Collection

Last Week's Collection:	6,710.07
2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll. (Parish Improvement Fund):	3,000.96
FY'15-16 Budgeted Average:	6,400.00
FY'15-16 Average Sunday Coll. thru 01/31/16:	6,215.42
Candles:	0
Attendance:	871

## Religious Education News...

### Religious Education Calendar for March:

*Please note that because of Spring Break, Holy Week, and Easter, the Religious Education classes in March are as follows:*

**Sunday Classes:** 20<sup>th</sup>. No RE classes on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, or 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday Classes:** 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>. No RE classes the 8<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Wednesday Classes:** 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>. No classes on the 9<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Spring Break: March 6 – March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Spring Break ends this Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, and classes resume on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Holy Week:

There will be no RE classes during Holy Week to allow time for parents, students and Catechists to participate in the Paschal Triduum. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's supper on Holy Thursday, which is the Mass at which Christ washed the feet of his Disciples and celebrated the Last Supper at which He instituted the Holy Eucharist. The Triduum continues with services on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Saturday. It closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. If you have never participated in these services, try to attend at least one.

### Easter Egg Hunts:

Children up to grade three are invited to participate in the Easter Egg Hunts on Easter Sunday. The children need to bring their own basket or bag for the eggs they find.

**The Easter Egg Hunts are scheduled for Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30am and 12:15pm Masses. Adult volunteers are needed to help with these events. It is a fun experience which involves putting out the simple decorations, making sure that the eggs get scattered around the courtyard of the Church, and corralling the children behind a ribbon barrier until all the children are out of Mass. Once the ribbon is dropped and the children scamper to pick up the eggs, it is just minutes before the hunt is over. This would be a fun family activity and an excellent way to give service to our Church family. Please give me a call at 972-563-3643, or send me an e-mail [susanwarner0309@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanwarner0309@sbcglobal.net). I really need your help! Thank you in advance. Susan Warner**

*Plastic eggs and bags of individually-wrapped candy are needed for the Easter Egg Hunts. Please drop these off in*

*the parish office by March 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping to make the Egg Hunts a fun experience for the children.*

### Lenten Sacrifice Project

During the 40 days of Lent, we will follow in Christ's steps by **Praying, Fasting, and giving Alms** (helping the poor and those in need.) Each child/youth in the Religious Education program received a Sacrifice Box in class. The sacrifice boxes are to be displayed in a prominent place in the home to remind the children and the family that we are all to make sacrifices during Lent. Every time a child/youth makes a sacrifice by giving up a soda, candy, a movie, etc., the money that is saved is to be placed in the Sacrifice Box. The box is to be returned to the child's Religious Education classroom after Easter.

The Lenten project this year will benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Society at St. Martin's in Forney, where many of our parishioners have been referred in time of need.

### Confirmation Retreats in April

Due to the large number of Confirmation students, there will be two Confirmation retreats this year. Deacon Jose Mora, a youth minister and active Deacon in the Diocese of Lubbock will present the retreats on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have their retreat on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00am and ending with Mass at 4pm. The High School students will begin their retreat on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, with Mass at 8am. That retreat will end at 3pm.

The Confirmation Masses will be celebrated on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. There will be a reception following each Mass in the Parish Hall.

### Parent Meetings for First Communion

Parent Meetings for First Communion were held Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. The parents that did not attend one of the meetings will need to make an appointment with Susan Warner in the Religious Education office to discuss their child's First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please call the office at 972-563-3643 or send an e-mail to [susanwarner0309@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanwarner0309@sbcglobal.net).

### First Communion and First Reconciliation (First Confession) dates set for April and May.

First Communion Masses and First Reconciliation will take place in the Main Church on the following days and at the following times:

#### Grade two, Sunday morning:

*First Communion:* Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am;

*First Reconciliation:* Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 4pm.

#### Grade two, Tuesday evening:

*First Communion:* Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am;

*First Reconciliation:* Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 4pm.

#### Grades 5, 6, and 7, Tuesday evening:

*First Communion:* Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 10am;

*First Reconciliation:* Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 4pm.

#### Grade 3, Tuesday evening:

*First Communion:* Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm;

*First Reconciliation:* Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.

#### Grade 4, Tuesday evening:

*First Communion:* Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 6pm;

*First Reconciliation:* Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 4pm.

**A CRISTO NO LE IMPORTA NUESTRO PASADO**



- A Cristo no le importó lo que había hecho aquella mujer de la que nos habla ahora el evangelio:
  - “Nadie te ha condenado?”
  - “Nadie, Señor”.
  - “Tampoco yo te condeno”.
- A Jesús no le importo el pasado de la mujer; lo que le importaba mucho era su futuro: “Vete y ya no vuelvas a pecar”.
- En esta Cuaresma de 2016, a Jesús no le importa mucho lo que nosotros hayamos hecho, sino lo que vayamos a hacer de ahora en adelante.
- No le importan tanto los pecados que hayamos cometido, cuanto que estemos dispuestos a no volver a cometerlos.
- No le importa que hayamos caído, sino el que estemos determinados –con su ayuda, por supuesto– a levantarnos.
- No le importa el que hayamos muerto, sino que queremos resucitar.
- A Jesucristo no le importa nuestro pasado, sino nuestro futuro.

**Por eso nos espera esta Cuaresma en el sacramento de la Reconciliación, no para condenarnos, sino para repetirnos a cada uno: “Tampoco yo te condeno. Vete y ya no vuelvas a pecar”.**

**Ayunar y Abstenerse:** Se les obliga abstenerse de comer carne todos los viernes de cuaresma a personas mayores de 14 años.

**Vía Crucis:** Todos los miércoles durante la cuaresma tenemos Vía Crucis en español a las 6:45pm en la Iglesia.



**Misas Cuaresmales:** Durante la Cuaresma tenemos Misa los Lunes, Martes y Jueves de cada semana a las 7pm en Inglés.

**Caballeros de Colon:** Los Caballeros de Colon van a tener cena de Pescado Frito cada



en el Salón Parroquial. El costo: \$10 los adultos y \$5 los niños (menores de 12 años).

# Noticias de la Doctrina

## **Calendario para el mes de Marzo:**

Favor de anotar que por las vacaciones de Primavera, la Semana Santa y la Pascua, las clases de doctrina en marzo serán las siguientes:

- Clases de los domingos: 20. No hay clases el 6, 13 y 27
- Clases de los martes: 15 y el 29. No hay clases el 8 y 22
- Clases de los miércoles: 16 y el 30: No hay clases el 9 y 23

**ANOTEN:** Los padres que no asistieron a la junta de la Primera Comunión que tuvimos el domingo pasado deberán hacer una cita con la directora, Susan Warner para discutir sobre la Primera Reconciliación y Primera Comunión de su hijo(a). Por favor a llamar a 972-563-3643.

## **Retiros para las clases de Confirmación**

Porque tenemos un gran número de estudiantes para la confirmación, vamos a tener dos retiros este año. El Diacono José Mora, un ministro de la juventud y un diacono en la Diócesis de Lubbock presentara los retiros el sábado, 9 de abril y el domingo, 10 de abril. Los estudiantes del grado 8 tendrán su retiro el sábado comenzando a las 10am y terminando con la Misa de las 4pm. Los estudiantes de la escuela secundaria (high school) tendrán su retiro el domingo comenzando con Misa a las 8am y terminando a las 3pm.

Las Misas de Confirmación serán celebradas el viernes, 13 de mayo y el viernes, 20 de mayo a las 7pm y enseguida tendremos una recepción en el salón parroquial después de cada misa.

## **Primera Comunión y Primera Reconciliación**

Las misas de la Primera Comuniones y Primera Reconciliaciones tomaran lugar en la Iglesia en los siguientes días:



### **Grado 2, Clase del domingo:**

Primera Comunión: Sábado, 23 de abril a las 10am

Primera Reconciliación: Domingo, 17 de abril a las 4pm

### **Grado 2, Clase de los martes:**

Primera Comunión: Sábado, 30 de abril a las 10am

Primera Reconciliación: Domingo, 24 de abril a las 4pm

### **Grados 5,6, y 7, clase de los martes:**

Primera Comunión: Sábado, 7 de mayo a las 10am

Primera Reconciliación: Domingo, 1 de mayo a las 4pm

### **Grado 3, clase de los martes:**

Primera Comunión: Sábado, 14 de mayo a las 6pm

Primera Reconciliación: Lunes, 9 de mayo a las 7pm

*Grado 4, clase de los martes:*

Primera Comunión: Sábado, 21 de mayo a las 6pm

Primera Reconciliación: Domingo, 15 de mayo a las 4pm