

A Lenten Resolution



I have jotted down in my notebook my Lenten resolutions, but I want to confirm them here. I must truly renew my life, and it is God whom I ask in all simplicity to transform me. I want to live interiorly more spiritually, exteriorly more gently and lovingly so as to make God better loved, who is the beginning and end of my spiritual life. More than ever I want to hide in the heart of Jesus my good works, my prayers, my self-denial, to preach only through example, to speak not at all of myself and little of God, since in this sad world one only gives scandal or annoys others by showing one's love for God. But whenever someone approaches me, or whenever it seems to be God's will that I should approach another, I will do simply, very prudently, and disappear as soon as the task is done, mixing no thought of self with God's action. And should I be misunderstood, criticized, and judged unfavorably, I will try to rejoice in remembering our divine exemplar, and I will seek to be of no consequence in the esteem of others, I who am in fact so poor and little in the eyes of God.

ELISABETH LESEUR

Elisabeth Leseur († 1914) was a French married laywoman whose cause for canonization is underway.

Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday.

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross in the church:

Wednesday (Spanish) at 6:45pm

Friday (English) at 7:00pm

Lenten Masses

During the Season of Lent, we have Mass in the Old Church every week: Monday - 7:00pm

Tuesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 7:00pm

Lenten Confessions

Beginning with the Season of Lent confessions will be heard on:

Thursday from 6:00 – 6:30pm

Saturday from 3:00 – 3:30pm.

Knights of Columbus - Fish Fry



The KC are hosting an “All you can Eat” Fish Fry Dinner every Friday during Lent from 6:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. The cost (includes tea and dessert) will be \$10 adults and \$5 children (12 and under). See you there!

St. John's Seniors Group



Calling All Seniors.

The St John's Seniors Group will meet **Tuesday, March 21st** starting at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. This will be our first meeting in the Parish Hall since August 2016. This month's program session will be social and visit time. Also, as a way to celebrate our return to the Parish Hall, there will be several special door prizes.

Lunch will be covered dish.

Please plan to attend and help make this meeting a memorable event. Yes, there will be Bingo with a few special prizes, just for this meeting.

Knights of Columbus – Blood Drive

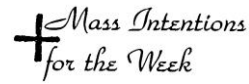


The Knights of Columbus will sponsor their Annual Parish Blood Drive next **Sunday, March 26th** from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We will have sign-ups this weekend after all Masses at the back of the church.

Last Week's Collection

Last Week's Collection:	5,537.62
Diocesan Coll. (Catholic Relief Services):	465.60
FY'16-17 Budgeted Average:	6,500.00
FY'16-17 Average Sunday Coll. thru 02/28/17:	7,241.84
Attendance:	873

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of
March 25/26



Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm Debbie Patterson/Cathy Burton
Sun. 8:00am Seth Jungman/Linda F. Johnston
Sun. 10:30am Karie Hammond/Tammy Guerra

Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Debbie Patterson*/Sherry G./Paul M./Volunteer
Sun. 8:00am Jack Neumann*/Conrado A./Cindy K./Abby H.
Sun. 10:30am Bruce Bryant*/Richard Jr./Steven H./Erik A.

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 4:00pm Gary Whalin/Linda Whalin/Michael Gumler
Sun. 8:00am Mary Pat Samuels/Paul Willy/Chris & Dan Probst
Sun. 10:30am Tammy Guerra/Bud McClure
Lou Roberts/Donna Roberts

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, March 19

9:15 AM **NO** R.E. classes

Monday, March 20

7:00 PM Lenten Mass
7:00 PM Grupo de Oracion – Casa St. John

Tuesday, March 21

10:00 AM St. John’s Sr. Group – Parish Hall
6:30 PM R.E. evening classes
6:30 PM Clases Bíblicas
7:00 PM Lenten Mass

Wednesday, March 22

6:30 PM R.E. evening classes
6:45 PM Via Crucis

Thursday, March 23

7:00 PM RCIA classes
7:00 PM Lenten Mass

Friday, March 24

8:00 AM Daily Mass
6:00 PM KC Fish Fry in Parish Hall
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18

4:00 PM †Barbara Lyon Parks – In Memory of her 5th Anniversary of Death by Debbie Patterson

Sunday, March 19

8:00 AM Special Intention
10:30 AM Special Intention
12:15 PM Pro Populo

Monday, March 20

7:00 PM Special Intention

Tuesday, March 21

7:00 PM †Norman Krouskop by Lucy Krouskop

Thursday, March 23

7:00 PM For an end to abortion & a greater respect for Human Life at all Stages by Sherry Goelden & Lucy Krouskop

Friday, March 24

8:00 AM Sara, Michael & Jeff Lawson by James & Melody Zimmer

Saturday, March 25

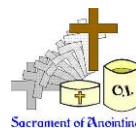
4:00 PM Michael & Harriet Gumler by Sherry Goelden

Sunday, March 26

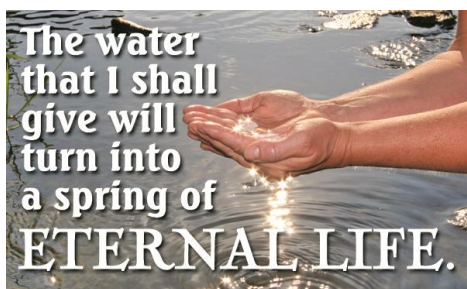
8:00 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM †Tony Sifuentes, Sr. by Wife & Children
12:15 PM †Gabriel Sierra – En Memorial de su 2^o Año de Fallecimiento Int. de Maribel Sierra

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.



Prayer Requests



Richard Collier
Richard Lozano Sr.
Mike Gonzales
Blake Tucker
Curtis Rushing
Deacon Leo Renner
Jennifer Whitehouse
Paul Gumler
Olivia Nicole Yates
Stanley Quist
Sonia Rodriguez Cadena
Brenda Larsen
Carol Dossey
Cindy Kinkaid
Rosann Kinkaid
Yamileth Martinez
Patti Sikors Garrett
Angel Gabriel Godinez
Tomas Samuel Garcia
Barbara Sikors Hendricks
Maria Mercedes Gaytan
Ma. del Refugio Mendoza
Marianne Marsden
Connie Schroeder
Daniel Gonzales
Luisa Regina Ramirez Perez
Jovita De la Garza

Nick Morales, Sr.
Lee Wilde
James Dean
Brenda Newburn
Henry Taft
Jesus Arteaga
Archie Palmore
Mason Gumler
Felipa Garcia
Joe Wages
Erica Vargas
Margaret Wages
Sheila Wages
Myrna Lawson
Johnnie B. Malouf
Pascual Meza
Robert Repka, Sr.
Michelle Elliott
Crystal Sanchez
Theresa Lyon
Warren Terry
Elmer Marsden
Odin Kizer
Elaine Kasper
Jackie Petricka
Ann Glynn

The Third Week of Lent



For the **Third Sunday of Lent** we read of the Samaritan woman who encounters Jesus at the well. He offers her life-giving waters and then shows her how intimately he understands her. She runs back to town to spread her news: "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could he be the Messiah?" At some Masses, we will hear the [Scrutinies](#) for RCIA candidates as they draw nearer to their Baptisms at the Easter Vigil.

Monday is the **Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Saturday is the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**.

Jesus challenges the people in his hometown of Nazareth to look at him in a new way - "No prophet is accepted in his own native place." In a fury, they drive him out of the temple. Peter asks Jesus the limits of forgiveness. Jesus says that we must forgive again and again. He tells the parable about the servant, who though forgiven himself, does not forgive his fellow servants. Jesus has come to fulfill the law and the words of the prophets, not abolish them. When someone claimed that Jesus must be using Satan's power to heal, Jesus responds "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house." When asked to name the "greatest" commandment, Jesus names two, thus putting together the necessity of loving God with our entire being and loving our neighbor as our very selves. The week ends as Jesus tells a powerful story of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



March Class Schedule:

- **Sunday:** 26th.
- **Tuesday:** 21st, 28th.
- **Wednesday:** 22nd, 29th.



We are in need of bags of individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunts. You can drop them in the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!



ANOTEN:

Favor de notificar la oficina de la Iglesia (972-563-3643) si tiene un cambio de domicilio o cambio de número de teléfono.



¿DE VERAS SABEMOS QUE ÉL ES EL SALVADOR DEL MUNDO?

¿Hemos descubierto, como la samaritana, que Jesús es el Mesías esperado por el pueblo de Israel?

- Si creemos en Jesús y lo amamos, no podemos negarnos a enseñarle a los demás quién es él y llevarlos a que lo conozcan, para que crean, no por lo que les hayamos contado, sino por lo que ellos mismos escuchen y vean.
- Él se queda con nosotros de diversas maneras:
 - En cada Misa él nos ofrece la mesa de la Palabra y la mesa de su Cuerpo y de su Sangre: nos habla y se nos da como alimento de vida eternal.
 - Él está día y noche en el sagrario, esperando que dialoguemos con él y dispuesto a darnos los dones que más nos hacen falta. Él es “Dios con nosotros”.
 - Y, por supuesto, está en toda aquella persona que nos necesita.
- Jesús nos dice a cada uno: “Dame de beber”, una invitación a que nos abramos a la fe y a lo que implica: amarlo y servirlo en los demás.

Si conociéramos quién es Jesús, le pediríamos de beber, y él nos daría el Espíritu Santo y su gracia, que nos da vida plena.

Noticias de la Doctrina

Calendario de Marzo

Clases de domingos: 26
 Clases de martes: 21, 28
 Clases de miércoles: 22, 29

Abstinencia: Se les obligue abstenerse de comer carne todos los Viernes de cuaresma a personas mayores de 14 años.

El Via Crucis: Todos los miércoles durante la Cuaresma tenemos Via 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 7:00pm en Ingles.

Confesiones Cuaresmales: Durante la temporada de Cuaresma estoy confesando cada jueves de 6:00 – 6:30pm y los sábados de 3:00 – 3:30pm.

Los Caballeros de Colon: Los Caballeros de Colon tienen cena de ‘Pescado Frito’ cada viernes de Cuaresma de 6:00 – 8:00pm en el Salón Parroquial. El costo: \$10 adultos y \$5 niños (menores de 12 años).

Grupo de Oración

El Grupo de Oración se reúnen los lunes a las 7:00pm en la Casa San Juan.



Pláticas Bíblicas para Adultos

Tenemos Pláticas Bíblicas para Adultos cada martes a las 6:30pm en el Salón Parroquial con el Diacono Mario Sánchez.



Unción de los Enfermos

Si usted o alguien que usted conozca está necesitado en recibir comunión o el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos favor de llamar al Padre Orosco en la oficina de la Iglesia al número 972-563-3643.



Necesitamos bolsas de dulces para el Easter Egg Hunts. Podrá dejarlos en la oficina durante la semana. ¡Gracias!

