

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths. — Psalm 25:4

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat. Feb. 25 at 5 pm

- ✠Pedro Garcia - Garcia Family
- ✠Andrew Herrera - Wife & Family

Sun. Feb 26 at 8 am

- ✠Mario Cortes - Euresti Family
- ✠Priscilla Rodriguez-Hilda Valdez

Sun. Feb 26 at 10 am

- ✠Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
- ✠Daniel C. Arzola- Family
- ✠Margaret Burrell - Frances Lutz
- GOL Roland Robles - Wife

Sun. Feb 26 at 12 pm

- ✠George Hernandez- Family
- ✠Roman Zambrano - Ramirez Family
- ✠Richardo M. Gallegos - Wife & Family
- ✠Nativida Herrera-Herrera Family

Mon. 27 8:15am People of our Parish

Tues. 28 8:15am ✠Stella Almanza - Family

Wed. 29 8:15am ✠Agnes/Richard Hart-O' Shea

Thurs. 01 8:15am No Service

Fri. 02 8:15am ✠Joseph & Frances Soikowski

Sat. March 3 at 5 pm

50th Anniversary Paul & Grace Salinas

Sun. March 4 at 8 am

- ✠Agustina Y. Garcia - Willie Garcia
- ✠Raul Dorado - Family
- ✠Juan Silva - Wife & Family
- ITG Padre Pio - M/M Alvarado

Sun. March 4 at 10 am

- ✠Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
- ✠Daniel C. Arzola- Family
- ✠Margaret Burrell - M/M Frances Lutz


Sun. March 4 at 12 pm

- ✠Roman Zambrano - Ramirez Family
- ✠Eloisa Herrera-Herrera Family



**TODAYS SECOND COLLECTION** supports Missions/Black & Native Americans

**LAST WEEK' S COLLECTION**

Envelopes	\$ 4,442.00	
Loose	\$ 1,240.42	
Mail In	\$ 210.00	
Children' s Mass	\$ 77.09	
2nd Collection	\$ 538.63	
5 pm	\$ 1,759.00	(154)
8 am	\$ 852.00	(135)
10 am	\$ 1,612.29	(235)
12 pm	\$ 1,249.13	(220)

Thank you for your continued support

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Arturo Parra, Eddie Botello, Ricky Sweet, Margarita Ventura, Lupe Rodriguez, Rosie & Robert G. Gallegos, Jenny Vasquez, Josie Guerra, Virginia Silva, Lorraine Jackson, Hope Hernandez, Edward & Annie Jiminez

**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 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

## **NOTES FROM FR. RUDY**

### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

All finance council members are reminded of their next meeting which will be on Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the school library. The finance council members advise Fr. Rudy on all fiscal aspects of the parish. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **REMINDERS FOR LENT**

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. In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 - 59 years. 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. If a person is unable to observe these 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.

### **SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is offered every month to those who, for any reason, may need this Sacrament. Jesus desires to heal us in body, mind, and spirit. Not so much to add days to our life, but rather to add life to our days. It is our Catholic belief that the sacrament of anointing provides both spiritual and physical strength for those who are ill. All are encouraged to attend especially those in need of physical, emotional, and spiritual healing as well as those who are anticipating surgery.

### **ANOINTING WITH CHRISM**

As members of this parish community prepare for Confirmation, we the faithful journey with them.

The use of oil in sacred rituals can be traced back to Old testament times when the Jews anointed sacred objects (vessels used in worship) as well as persons considered "sacred (kings and prophets). The key in both instances was that the object or person was being "set aside" or "consecrated" for a special purpose, a special mission that came from God.

The notion of a person with a special mission from God took on major proportions in biblical times, and a redeeming figure called the Anointed One (in Hebrew. Messiah and in Greek, christos or "Christ") was awaited by the people. The early followers of Jesus recognize Jesus as the Anointed One long-awaited by the Jewish people. Very quickly his followers understood that they shared in his mission and so they too came to be called "anointed ones" or, from the "Greek," Christians."

## **RELAX AND TRUST COMPLETELY IN GOD**

Do you know what the most frequent command in the Bible turns out to be? What instruction, what order, is given, again and again, by God, by angels, by Jesus, by prophets, and apostles? What do you think? Be good? Be holy? OR negatively, don't sin? Don't be immoral? No. The most frequent command in the Bible is, "Don't be afraid." Don't be afraid. Fear not. Don't be afraid. Let's make no mistake about it: until you learn to live without fear you won't find it easy to follow Jesus.

---- Following Jesus: Biblical Reflections on Discipleship, by N.T. Wright, pub. 1994

**Be faithful in small things, it is in them that your strength lies** ——— **Mother Theresa**

## **LITTLE DROPS OF OIL**

Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired. How does a lamp burn? Through the continuous input of small drops of oil. If the drops of oil run out, the light of the lamp will cease, and the bridegroom will say, "I do not know you. (Matthew 25:12) My friends, what are these drops of oil in our lamps? They are small things of daily life: faithfulness, punctuality, small words of kindness, a thought for others, our way of being silent, of looking, of speaking and of acting. These are the true drops of love...

## **Knights of Columbus Event "40 Cans for Life"**

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring "40 Cans for Life", How can you help? Simply donate 1 can per day during the 40 days of Lent and 1 extra can on Easter Sunday and place your donations in the large boxes provided in the back of the church or in the rectory office. All cans donated will be donated to SJB St. Vincent de Paul. For more information, please contact Grand Knight, Juan Trevino or any Knight of Columbus member.

## **RUMMAGE SALE**

Our next rummage sale is on Saturday, March 3, 2012. Each space sells for only \$ 10 if reserved by the Friday before the rummage sale, \$ 15 the day of rummage sale. All proceeds go to the Capital Fund. To reserve a space please stop by the rectory office during regular business hours. Spaces are at first come first serve basis and are non-refundable. For questions, call Lydia Ramirez at 704-7837, & please leave a message.

## **MISSIONS**

ON March 12 to March 14 at 7 pm in the church, Deacon Sandoval will lead the Missions. Please make plans to attend.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Our Stations of the Cross continue every Friday at 7 pm in the church. This week, March 2nd with Deacon Sandoval, March 9th with the Guadalupanas, March 16th with the Youth Ministry, March 23rd with SJB School, March 30th with ACTS and April 6th with the Knights of Columbus. Please attend as many as you can. **Also, please come hungry on April 6th, the ACTS will be having their Annual Fish Fry.**

## **Primer Domingo de Cuaresma      UNA NUEVA ALIANZA**

La carta de Pedro nos recuerda que la historia de Noé ilustra la paciencia que Dios tiene con los pecadores y el deseo de Dios de salvar a los que de otra forma estarían perdidos. Dios libró a la tierra de pecado mediante las aguas del Diluvio que prefiguraron el bautismo –no sólo el bautismo de arrepentimiento de Juan sino también el bautismo de salvación de Jesús. Ya que este bautismo no limpiará nuestros cuerpos físicos de la inmundicia sino que limpiará nuestras almas de pecado.

En la época de Noé, muchos morían por sus propios pecados pero en la nueva alianza, Jesús murió una sola vez y para siempre por todas las personas y por toda la naturaleza para salvarnos del pecado y de la muerte. En la época de Noé, los pecadores morían porque eran infieles a la alianza y los elegidos eran salvados. En la nueva alianza, Jesús murió no sólo por los buenos sino por los pecadores, y todas las personas así como toda la creación se podrá salvar.

### **UN NUEVO BAUTISMO**

Juan predicó y bautizó un bautismo de arrepentimiento. Jesús, luego de sus cuarenta días de ayuno y oración en el desierto, retomó de Juan el tema del arrepentimiento. Lo llevó más allá, en última instancia, hacia su sacrificio en la cruz, cumpliendo con la vieja alianza de sangre y formando una nueva alianza de gracia. El Miércoles de Ceniza se nos recuerda "arrepíentense y crean en el Evangelio" ("Evangelio" significa "buena nueva"). El Reino de Dios comienza con la entrega total de Jesús. El símbolo de Noé es el arco iris, el símbolo de Jesús es la cruz. En estos cuarenta días de Cuaresma, aceptamos la invitación de Jesús a arrepentirnos, regresar a Dios y permitirnos creer que el Evangelio realmente trae buenas nuevas para nosotros. Se nos llama, no a temer a un Dios vengativo, sino a amar a un Dios fiel y bueno que nos da la Palabra, el Hijo, como ejemplo de bondad y amor por todos, aun por nosotros los pecadores.

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By the First Sunday of Lent, many people have given up on "giving up." Yet experiencing hunger for favorite things is a sign of a desire to face our deepest hungers. We do not embrace fasting as individuals, but rather as the community's way of life in this season. Sometimes it helps to see Sunday as an oasis in the Lenten desert, a place where fasting is not as strictly observed. If we count the days of the Lenten calendar, starting backward from the end of Lent on Holy Thursday, it is difficult to measure the forty days. Many are surprised to learn that the Sundays are counted as part of Lent, but are not counted in tallying the forty days of the Lenten fast. For that, we count the fast backward into last week, beginning on Ash Wednesday. So, until today we have been in the Lenten fast, days that function as a kind of overture to a symphony of conversion.

Today Lent solemnly begins, marked in many places by the sending of catechumens and candidates to the bishop for the call to the Easter sacraments. Tomorrow with them, we embrace the Lenten fast again. Today we are exactly forty days from the opening of the Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday. --James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.