



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21
 Monday: Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-20
 Thursday: 2Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7: 40-53
 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34, Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33

MASS INTENTIONS

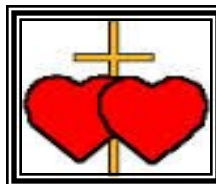
MONDAY March 16, 2015
 7:00AM Daniel Sullivan
 9:00AM Mary Rotholz
 7:00PM Confessions
TUESDAY March 17, 2015, St. Patrick
 7:00AM Ann Barnett
 9:00AM Veronica Kenny
WEDNESDAY March 18, 2015
St. Cyril of Jerusalem
 7:00AM Louise Tuozzo
 9:00AM Lawrence Baroletti
THURSDAY March 19, 2015, St. Joseph
 7:00AM Intentions of Fr. Douglas R. Arcoleo
 9:00AM Joseph Esposito
FRIDAY March 20, 2015
 7:00AM Janina Vargas
 9:00AM George A. Thomas
SATURDAY March 21, 2015
 9:00AM Emil Rigert
 5:00PM Gertrude Smith
SUNDAY March 22, 2015
Fifth Sunday of Lent
 7:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola
 Pedro J. Hernandez
 James Caratini
 9:30 AM Rose and Michael Caruso
 11:00AM Christine Zounek
 12:30PM Charles Pisano, Jr.
 5:15PM Anthony Panarelli
 7:00 PM Mass in Spanish



Mark Stapleton, Cecilia McLaughlin, John & Mary D'Antonio, CPL. Garrett Carnes, USMC, Philip Zederbaum, Michael Maher, Patrick McGee, Dawn Levchenko, Harry Mulligan, John Lupski, Raymond Morris, Maria Estupinan,, Theresa Locke, Maureen Remsky, Joanne Wallick, Margaret Kropac, Brian Crowley, Newborn Luke Major, Mary Burdo, William Lee, Ernest Calza, Pedro Doblado, William Horbs, Rose Marie Heitschusen, Angelique Cadarr, Phillip R. Sanita, Clare McCarthy, Jr., Justin David Wall, Sara Olsson, Dan Creamer, Helen Mackreth, Thomas Duffy, Sandra Reinhardt, Marcel Chaillol, Christopher Noya, Henry Niggemeier, Sally Brandis, Martin D'Amico, Rev. Martin L. Klein, Lucy Mize, Barbara Teer, Virginia Perna, Manuel Da Silva, Harold Smith, Pasqual Malerba, Michael Russo

We Pray For Our Dead And We Mourn With You

Edward Cardinal Egan
 Carol DeLorenzo
 Julia D'Antonio Cunn



We Celebrate our Sacraments Marriage Banns

Jonathan Mollenthiel
 Our Lady of Lourdes, Queens Village
 Jacqueline Lopez
 St. Ignatius Loyola



Fifth Sunday of Lent
Next Sunday, March 22, 2015

Theme: Death and New Life

Breaking Open the Word Suggested text for faith sharing: Gospel Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What image of faith does this reading give you?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

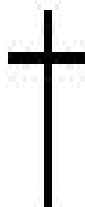
Question for Children: Name one thing you can do or stop doing that will help you have a better friendship with Jesus.

Question for Youth: Sometimes one thing needs to die in order for something new to be born. When have you experienced this in your own life? What do you need to let go of now for something new to grow?

Question for Adults: Name one area in your life that you need to let go of, to die to, in order to rise with new life.



*The Bread and Wine
This week
Are in Loving Memory
Of
Carol DeLorenzo
From
Dear Friends of Carol*



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday, March 8, 2015 \$14,530
Propagation of Faith \$ 3,152

Sunday, March 9, 2014 \$16,648

Pastor's Corner

4th Sunday of Lent
Mk 3:14-21

This Sunday is a day of joy called Laetare(Rejoice) Sunday. This day takes its name from the opening words of the Mass, the Entrance Antiphon's "Laetare (Rejoice O), Jerusalem". We can be joyful because we are reminded of the Lord's boundless love for us no matter who we are in this world. Also Lent is half over and Easter is enticingly near. To celebrate this Sunday, the presiding priest may wear rose colored vestments and flowers may adorn the altar, marking our rebirth through our Baptism, where we have journeyed from darkness into light.

In today's readings, we see how the people of Israel forgot about God. The Second Book of Chronicles tells us that they never listened to His prophets, they added "infidelity to infidelity" and they "polluted the Lord's temple." They fit Jesus' description on John's Gospel of people who prefer "darkness to the light." However, this did not stop God's love for them and for all humanity. Chronicles reminds us that even though the people were unfaithful, acting shamefully, and defiling God's dwelling place on earth, God had compassion on them. God's love is greater than any sin. It was through the Persian King Cyrus, unbeknownst to him, that the people of Israel were restored back to their homeland and their temple.

John writes that God loves the world that he sent his Son to rescue us from the exile of sin. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us that we came to life because we are greatly loved by God. However, we need not only to believe this but to accept it and live it in our lives. The catch is that God gives us the freedom either to accept or reject his love. Why would we want to walk away from a God who gives us unlimited chances to make up for our sinfulness? What do the sins of the world have to offer that is better? Sure they may give us a quick fix of pleasure, but it never lasts as does God's love for us.

St. Theresa of Avila once wrote that if for one instant we let the love of God penetrate our hearts, then all things will become easy for us. This Lent, take the time to look and reflect on the crucifix. What does it say to you? While it will show you the horror of sin, it will also show you God's unlimited love for you and His curing forgiveness if we say *yes* and follow Jesus. No matter our troubles, God is that hound of heaven who is always with us and never abandons us. "For God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life." (Based on Jn 3:16) By the way, this is the quote we see at football games and on bumper stickers.

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU



Suzanne



Kareen

I want to thank Suzanne McCartney for her dedicated work on our journal, ***Community Connections***. Suzanne had been working faithfully on the journal since 2008. We usually do not realize how much work goes into putting such a project together, even if it is four times a year. She has to converse with different parish ministries to inform us of God's good work happening through our people. I am grateful to Suzanne for all she has done and continues to do now with our Family Life Committee. May God continue to bless her and her family. We are now looking for a new person to take on the responsibility of continuing ***Community Connections***. If you are interested and you like to write, please contact me here at the rectory. **Otherwise, *Community Connections* will no longer be of service to us.**

Thank you to Kareen Cassiero. Kareen has been our Stewardship Coordinator since 2008. She has worked very hard in building up the parish by inviting new people to join a parish ministry. Kareen reminds us that by our Baptism we are not just to sit in the pews, but also to be involved and serve our parish. May God continue to bless her and her family as she has retired from the ministry of Stewardship. If you are interested in motivating people to use their time and talents in a parish ministry, please contact me as well. May God bless you and Mary keep you and your families. May we remember to always do things for the greater glory of God. *St. Ignatius Loyola, pray for us!*

Fr. Jim, Pastor

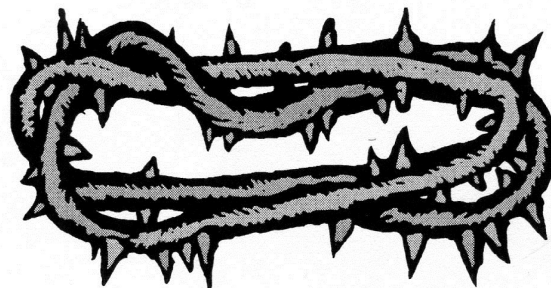
*Reflect more deeply on the Scripture accounts
of Christ's passion*

Please come and join the St. Ignatius Music Ministry
for the

Choral Way of the Cross

Friday evening
March 27, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Enter into the mystery of Jesus'
gift of Himself
For us.



*St. Ignatius Loyola
Hicksville, NY*

A voluntary collection will be
taken up to help support the music
ministry



PASTORAL COUNCIL
Fr. James T. Stachacz, Pastor

Elizabeth Fitzgibbon
Jaime Aldana
John Crayne

Bruce Wimbiscus
Joe Malerba
Kieran Sullivan

"The Council serves as a forum of consultation for the pastor and members, primarily by engaging them in ongoing dialogue about the needs, feelings, hopes and reactions of parishioners."

Guidelines for Pastoral Councils #B-2

Please feel free to contact any council member at any time regarding your needs, feelings, hopes and reactions. All council members can be reached through the rectory office.



Join Us in Our Annual
Lenten Mission with Fr. Michael P. Sullivan, OSA

Fr. Michael will speak at all of the Masses the weekend the retreat begins (Saturday and Sunday).

Fr. Michael will celebrate the 9am Mass and will preach on the scriptures of the day for the following days.

Monday, March 23rd -9am Mass—Mission at 7:30pm—Confession at 8:30pm

Tuesday, March 24th -9am Mass -Mission at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 25th 9am Mass—Mission at 7:30pm

On Wednesday, mission will end with Benediction.

There will be a free will offering collection on Wednesday



The Bunko Game on Sunday, March 8th was a great success. Everyone who participated had a fun time!

Barbara and Karen would like to thank all of our wonderful and faithful volunteers: Bernadette Burg, Alice Arthur, Kathy Dolan, Ellen Lentini, and Lou Ellen Klints, our bakers: June Garger, Alice Arthur, and our great facilities staff: Tony, Francis and Lenny. Nothing gets done without your help!

We are looking forward to seeing our parish families and friends at our next event...an Antique Car/Bike Show on April 19th. Details will be in the Bulletin. Be there or be square!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL—OUR GOAL FOR 2015 is \$80,000

Anyone from St. Ignatius Loyola Parish who gives to the Appeal this year, no matter the AMOUNT, will go into a RAFFLE. At the end of the year, four people will be chosen from the Raffle to have dinner in the rectory. This is a WIN WIN scenario.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Anyone with a family member serving in the military, please forward their name and rank to our bulletin editor at bulletin1859@aol.com or bring the name to our Rectory Front Office. *We pray to give all of our soldiers the courage and strength to do the duty that is required of them. May they always remember our appreciation for the sacrifice they are making for us. We are thankful for the men and women who are willing to risk their lives to protect our freedom. I ask You to go with each of them and protect them wherever they go. Amen.*

Sgt First Class. Matthew Loheide
SSgt. Kevin J. Hennelly
Lt. Jonathan W. Lang
Lt. Jeanine A. Lang
SPC Justin T. Sikorski
Sgt. Mathew Burrafato
DCC James Pennington
Col. Paul J. Laughlin
Captain. Patrick O. Kelly, USMC
Staff Sgt. Thomas P. McLoughlin, USMC
Atan Lisa Olynk, USN
M Sgt. Michael Marascia
Sgt. Stephen L. Emlaw
P.O. Third Class E-4 Kyle A. Kamermayer, Navy
Major Edward A. McGoldrick, US Army
Steven Orbon, 1st Lt., U.S. Army
Lt. David Jacobs
Pvt. Thomas Wright
Airman Peter F. Clark, USAF
Capt. Joseph Whittaker, USMC
LCPL Michael J. Mc Ilwraith, USMC
1st Lt. James Michael Vaz, U.S. Army
Louis Bombardiere, USMC
Gunnery Sgt. Brian Moran, USMC
Second Lt. Bridget Flatley, USAF
Cpt. Richard Macchio
Pvt. Joseph Gergely, U.S.M.C.
LTJG Alie Disher, U.S.N.
LTJG John Patrick Orr, USN, C.E.C.
PVC Andrew Hughes
Airman Denis C. Clark, USAF
Sgt. Lotachukwu Okoye
1st Lt. Brian W. Way, USMC
PFC. Christopher Paradiso, U.S.M.
PFC Jim Arbelaez, US Marine
Sgt. Dustin Lusby
LTJG Christopher Medford, US Navy
Lt. Lindsay Conte, USN
Sgt. Matthew Mercurio
Sgt. Phillip Michael Yopp, U.S. Army

This week at St. Ignatius Loyola
e-mail parishfacilities@stignatius.us**Sunday, March 15th**

Knights of Co.-Membership-Speaks at all Masses
9:30am Family Mass-Church
10:30am Family Life Hospitality
Old School Café (or Gym)
2pm Baptism Class-Old School, Room 1
5pm Choir- Spanish Old School Room D
5:30pm Baptism Class-Spanish Old School. Rm. B

Monday, March 16th

6pm CYO Gym
7pm SCJ Youth Group-Old School Art Room
7pm Hispanic Dance-Room D
7pm Charismatic Group-Old School Room A
7:30pm St. Ann's Mother Prayer Group-Room B
7:30pm Confirmation Class-Adults Deacon's Off.

Tuesday, March 17th

9:30am Scripture Discussion Meeting-Rm B, Old Sch.
6pm CYO-- Gym
7pm Choir-Spanish-Old School, Room D

Wednesday, March 18th

3pm Martha Guild Rosary Mak.-Old School Rm B
5pm Childrens Choir-Church
7pm Rel Ed. Upper Grades-Old School
7:30pm Adult Choir—Church

Thursday, March 19th

9:30am Bible Study-Deacon's Office
6pm CYO-GYM
7pm Cub Scouts-Old School Café
7pm Hispanic Dance-Room D
7pm Boy Scout Troop 382-New School Café.
7:30pm Bible Study, Deacon's Office

Friday, March 20th

7pm Holy Hour-All Facilities
7:30pm Pastoral Formation Rooms 6, 7 & 8

Saturday, March 21st

7:30am Men's Prayer Group-Patriotic Rosary-Church
8:30am ESL-Human Services-Basement
9:30 am Rel. Ed Lower Grades-Old School
12:00 CYO-Gym
2:00pm CYO-Gym
6:00pm Charismatic Group-Gym

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday, March 20, 2015
St. Ignatius Loyola Church

A special evening for young people held on the 3rd Friday of every month through May. Parish youth, (best for grades 6 and up) are invited to come. Church doors open at 7:00 pm and the Holy Hour begins at 7:30 pm. Dodgeball follows in Msgr. Tarrant Hall/gymnasium. There will also be refreshments, dancing and socializing.

Come and enjoy the fun!



Martha's Guild Rosary Making

The next session of Martha's Guild Rosary Making will be **Wednesday, March 18th** from 3pm to 5pm in Room B of the Old School Cafeteria.



Family Mass & Hospitality

Join us today for Hospitality following the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass. All are welcome to join us in Old School Café (or Gym) for coffee, bagels, assorted baked goodies and good company. Stop by and spend some time with your St. Ignatius Family



In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending His Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works; reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Come join us!

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Presents—A 6 day, 5 night trip to the Biltmore Estate and Asheville, NC—Sunday, April 26 to Friday, May 1, 2015—at the incredible price of only \$499 per person (add \$150 for single occupancy).

There is still time to sign up for this fabulous trip! If interested, please call Barbara at 935-5576

Bus Trip to the Sands Casino

Bethlehem, PA

Hosted by St. Ignatius Loyola Church

Hicksville, NY



When: **Wednesday, April 22, 2015**
Cost: \$42 per person, which includes the driver's tip
Give back: \$30 slot play and \$5 food voucher
Time: Bus leaves at 9 am sharp.
Please arrive at 8:30 am
Return approx. 8:30 pm
Place: We will meet at Cantiague Park,
West John Street, Hicksville.
Reservations: call Barbara at (516) 935-5576
The first to pay is the first on the bus, etc.

When: Friday, March 27, 2015
Time: Doors open at 7pm and games start at 7:30pm
Where: The Joseph Barry Columbiettes
45 Heitz Place, Hicksville
Admission: \$8.00 per person which includes one set of cards. Additional cards and additional specials will be available.
There will be coffee, cake, raffles/prizes and a Cash Bar. Reservations are strongly recommended. There will be limited walk-in seating. Please make checks payable to Joseph Barry Columbiettes. Please call Anne at (516) 931-6784.

Our Parish Lenten Prayer

Dear Lord,

As I make my Lenten journey with You, send me Your Spirit, help me to give of myself, help me to turn away from sin, and help me to fast and pray, so that I may know You and serve You better. Let me be renewed through my journey to share Your grace with the world. Amen

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Hicksville is hosting an

Antique/Classic Car and Bike Show

You are invited to attend the St. Ignatius Loyola Parish "1st Annual Blessing of Antique/Classic Cars and Bikes Show".

Date: Sunday, April 19, 2015...rain or shine!

Place: Sears Parking Lot
North Broadway, Hicksville

Time: 9 am—4 pm

Cost: Cars and bikes will be welcomed with a \$15 Registration which includes the blessing by Father Jim and an accompanying certificate!
Spectators are admitted free of charge.

There will be Live Entertainment, Judge's Choice Trophies, a Chinese Auction, a 50/50 Drawing, food, and vendors. Come early—stay late. Be there or be square!

REFLEXIÓN



En este texto leemos que los judíos debaten quién puede perdonar y/o juzgar. Un hombre ciego de nacimiento es sanado, y mientras que los discípulos, los vecinos, los padres, y los judíos entendían que nacer ciego es el resultado de un pecado, Jesús tiene un punto de vista diferente. Jesús está más preocupado por regresar sus ovejas al rebaño que por discutir quién es culpable del pecado.

Ojalá que nunca nos pase a nosotros eso que les aconteció a los fariseos. Pidamos a nuestro Señor la gracia de ser profundamente humildes y sencillos de corazón, como este ciego de nacimiento, para creer en Él con una viva, para confesar y proclamar públicamente a Jesús, incluso a costa de burlas y de persecuciones que suframos en su nombre.

VEN A LA MISA! CELEBRA CON LA COMUNIDAD. INVITA OTRA PERSONA. DOMINGOS Y PRIMEROS VIERNES, 7:00 PM.

BAUTIZOS

CLASES: A Las 5:30 PM. Segundo y Tercer Domingo de cada mes, en el sótano de la escuela. Padrinos, madrinas, papás y mamás deben asistir a las clases, y quedarse en la misa de las 7 PM. No es necesario hacer una cita para registrarse, pues en la clase lo hacen. No olvides traer el registro de nacimiento del niño. **LOS BAUTIZOS SON LOS ÚLTIMOS SÁBADOS DEL MES, A LA 1:00 PM.** Marzo 28, Abril 25, Mayo 30, Junio 27, Julio 25. Comunícate con ROSA y ROBERTO ROMERO: 516-749-4693 / 516-749-5135.

GRUPO DE JÓVENES SCJ REUNIÓN DE PADRES DE FAMILIA

El grupo de jóvenes tendrá su 2da reunión de padres de familia el día **27 de Marzo**. Discutiremos de las actividades de este año incluyendo la **jornada mundial de la Juventud en Polonia 2016**.

Hora: 6:30 PM

Esperamos su asistencia!!

Mil bendiciones.

ATENCIÓN: TODOS LOS LIDERES, COORDINADORES, ENCARGADOS DE GRUPOS/MOVIMIENTOS, CATEQUISTAS, QUIENES TRABAJAN CON NIÑOS Y JOVENES, DEBEN ENTREGAR A KARINA DE MAR LA COPIA DEL CERTIFICADO VIRTUS YA QUE NO HAY REGISTRO EN LA PARROQUIA, NI EN LA DIOCESIS. POR LO TANTO NO PODRAN EJERCER EL CARGO. GRACIAS!

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN:

Te esperamos todos los Viernes a las 6:30 pm para que compartas la alegría de alabar al Señor.
Por favor invita a otras personas.
Dios recompensará tus sacrificios.



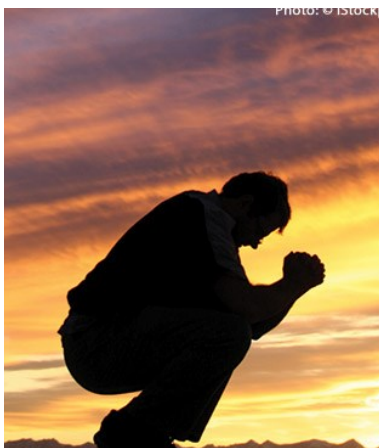
Gran retiro de cuaresma

“Quitaré de vuestra carne el corazón de piedra y os daré un corazón de carne.” Ez36,26

El grupo de alumnos del PFI de San Ignacio, Hicksville, te invita el día **Domingo 22 de Marzo** a compartir una jornada de preparación para nuestra cuaresma.

Lugar: Iglesia San Ignacio de Loyola.

Hora: **12:00PM a 6PM**



GRUPO DE JÓVENES SCJ

Felicitaciones a nuestros mini-lideres **Antonio Aguilar, Hernán Hernández, Junior Medrano.** Que Dios los guíe y los acompañe, les de paciencia y sabiduría para ayudar a todos nuestros jóvenes que tanto necesitan de Dios.



SIRVIENDO A DIOS EN LA PARROQUIA:

PASTOR: Rev. James T. Stachacz

PASTOR ASOCIADO: Rev. Saúl Londoño

COORDINACIÓN: Mario Gómez y Erika A.

CATEQUESIS: Colleen Tuzzolo: Educación Religiosa Niños 516 935 6873 / Mario Gómez

José Contreras, Karina del Mar, Delfina

Hernández Rosa-José Romero, Julieta

McLaughlin: Educación Religiosa Adultos

CLASES BAUTIZOS: Roberto y Rosa Romero

CLASES INGLÉS: Lissette Muñoz, Gloria V.

Josué Flores, Kerry Engrert, Ingrid Aguilar.

COMITÉ FESTEJOS: Lorena Medrano, Erika y

Jaime Aldana, Maribel Adames, Luis Reyes,

Tesla Calderón, Ana Berrios, Rosa Molina,

Cistina Díaz, Álvaro Meléndez.

COMUNICACIONES: Ytala y Gabriel Ruiz,

Maria Romero,

COMENTARIOS MISA: José Contreras

CORO DE LOS NIÑOS: Leiny & Tony Escobar

DIVINA MISERICORDIA: Delfina Hernández,

Asunción Rivera .

ENSAYOS BODAS , CELEBRACIONES DE 15-

16 AÑOS: Lorena Medrano, Leny Escobar.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN: Rosio Rivera, Rosa

Gutiérrez y Servidores.

HOSPITALIDAD Y COLECTAS: Marta

Romero, Luis Reyes,

JARDÍN HISPANO: Fidel Zabala - Guadalupe

LECTURA MISAS DE LOS NIÑOS (AS):

Viviana Echeverry y Dina Tenas.

LITURGIA DOMINICAL NIÑOS: Carmen-

Gabby y Daniela Gómez, Cindy Medrano,

Verónica Saquicela, Olga Carvajal, Jackeline

Zabala, María Lazo, Ivania, Flor, Kaylan,

Ashley

MINISTERIO DE LA PALABRA: Jaime

Aldana

MINISTERIO DE LOS ENFERMOS: Rosio

Rivera, Romy Taveras, Rosa Gutierrez.

MINISTERIO SACRADO CORAZÓN DE

JESÚS: Karina del Mar y Jovana Arteaga.

MINISTERIO DE MÚSICA Y DANZAS: Leiny

y Antonio Escobar

MINISTROS EXTRAORD. DE LA COMUNIÓN

Y SACRISTÍA: Juan Hernández, Rosio Rivera.

MONAGUILLOS (Servidores del Altar)

Lester & Carmen Zelaya, Viviana Echeverry

MOVIMIENTO FAMILIAR CRISTIANO

CATÓLICO: Roberto y Rosa Romero.

PASTORAL JUVENIL: Carlos Campos, Ytala

y Gabriel Ruiz, Lissette Muñoz, Carla Duran,

Samuel Sánchez, Katie Crayne, Eliséo

Meléndez, Francesca, Isabel Agosti & Diego.

PRE-CANA: Mario y Dora Gómez

Seguridad: Orlando Cruz, Diego Echeverry



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2015

MASSES

Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Palm Sunday) – March 29th

Blessing of Palms at all the Masses

All Masses are in the Church

Masses – Saturday 5:00 pm(procession with Palms at 4:45pm)

Sunday 7:30am – 9:30am (Procession with children)

9:45 am (auditorium)

11:00 am-12:30 p.m –2:00pm (for the hearing impaired) 5:15 pm

Mass in **Spanish** – 7:00 pm

Monday – Tuesday - Wednesday

March 30th –March 31st-April 1st

Masses at 7:00 & 9:00 am

Holy Thursday - April 2nd

Morning Prayer – 9:00am

Concelebrated Mass & Procession – 7:30 pm (Bi-lingual)

Visits to the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 midnight

Good Friday – April 3rd

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

Stations of the Cross - 12:00 noon

Living Stations of the Cross – 2:00pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with

Holy Communion – 4:00pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with

Holy Communion **Spanish** – 7:00pm

Holy Saturday - April 4th

Morning Prayer – 9:00am

NO 5:00 p.m. Mass

Easter Vigil Service and Solemn Mass –8:00 pm

Spanish Easter Vigil and Solemn Mass

In the (**auditorium**) - 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 5th

7:30 – 9:30 –11:00 am - 12:30 pm

10.00 a.m.in the (**auditorium**)

NO 5:15 p.m. Mass

6:00p.m. Spanish Mass in Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confessions)

*Monday March 30th 2-9pm

Friday April 3rd – 9:30 – 11:00am

Saturday, April 4th – 10:00am – 12 noon

No Evening Confessions

***Diocesan wide day for Confessions**



The Fourth Week of Lent

REPENT


Meditations for the
Season of Lent

AND BELIEVE

The Name of the Son

John 3:14-21

The events that give rise to the teachings in today's Gospel begin a few verses before when the Pharisee Nicodemus comes to visit Jesus secretly in the night. Nicodemus has heard about Jesus and is curious, but he is also afraid. He wants to believe, but he isn't quite ready to make a public commitment.



The people of the Gospels aren't so very different from us. Nicodemus is intrigued by Jesus but unwilling to be seen publically with him. How often have you learned that someone you've known for a long time is or was raised as a Catholic? This is particularly true of famous people who are afraid that making their faith public will harm their careers. Sometimes we fall victim to this same temptation, hiding our faith out of fear. While we fear that we may be mocked or made fun of for our faith, in some parts of the world today people are being killed for their Christian beliefs. Truly the words of John 3:16 ("For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life") are at the very center of our faith. The season of Lent is the perfect reminder that we are called to let our faith show in our daily lives — with joy and fervor!

POINTS TO PONDER

- Do the people I work with, go to school with, and spend free time with know that I am Catholic?
- Who encourages me most in my faith? Who can I encourage?
- "But whoever lives the truth comes to the light" (Jn 3:21). How can I come more closely to the light of Jesus this Lent?

CATHOLIC INSIGHTS

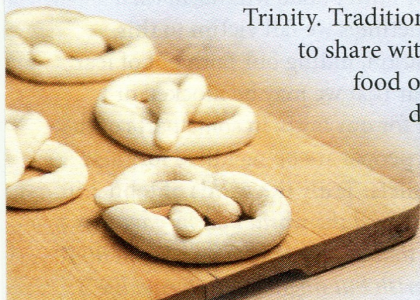
A Good Pharisee

Although the word "Pharisee" has come to have a negative connotation, not all Pharisees were wicked. Nicodemus, the curious Pharisee in today's Gospel, was one of those who eventually followed Jesus. A member of the Sanhedrin, he defends Jesus when the chief priests are debating what to do with Jesus. And after the Crucifixion, along with Joseph of Arimathea, he brought about a hundred pounds of myrrh and aloë to anoint Jesus' body. Tradition says that he was martyred for the Faith.

FamilyActivity

Pretzel Prayers

Once considered the official Catholic food of Lent, pretzels date back at least 1,400 years. Because fat, eggs, and milk were part of the Lenten abstinence, these little bites of bread made only with flour, salt, and water were invented. They were wrapped in the shape of arms crossed in prayer, and the three holes in the middle represented the Trinity. Traditionally, pretzels were the perfect food to share with people who were struggling for food or living on the streets because they didn't spoil easily. Make your own pretzels as a family (find a recipe on the Internet), and share them with someone in need in your neighborhood or community.



LENT PRAYER

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

"No one who lights a lamp hides it away or places it [under a bushel basket], but on a lampstand so that those who enter might see the light." — Luke 11:33

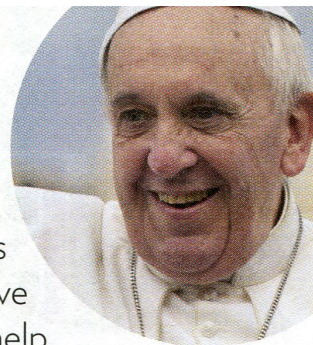
Lord, give me the courage to be a brave and bold witness to you in all that I say and do.

SIGNS OF THE SEASON The Color Purple

The liturgical color for Lent is purple, symbolizing pain, suffering, and mourning. But why purple? Purple was the most expensive color in biblical times. Extracted from a sea snail, it took as many as 12,000 shells to get enough dye to color a handkerchief. Because of the enormous cost, only the wealthiest wore purple garments. When soldiers mocked Jesus for being the "King of the Jews," they put a purple robe on his shoulders to belittle his claim. Therefore, we use the color purple during Lent to remind us of the passion and death of the Lord.

"Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts."

— Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2014,



Catechism CONNECTION

"By the grace of God" Jesus tasted death 'for every one' (Heb 2:9). In his plan of salvation, God ordained that his Son should not only 'die for our sins' (1 Cor 15:3) but should also 'taste death,' experience the condition of death, the separation of his soul from his body, between the time he expired on the cross and the time he was raised from the dead."

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 624

