

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



MARCH 19, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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Mass Schedules and other Services

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. en español <i>Children's and Youth Choirs</i> <i>sing first Sunday of the month.</i>
Saturday	4 p.m. [vigil] & 8 a.m. First Saturday
Weekdays	[Mon—Fri]— 8 a.m. in the Chapel
Holy Hour	First Friday 7—8 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation	8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Perpetual Help Novena	Wednesdays following 8 a.m. Mass
Morning Prayer	Mon. -Fri. 7:40a.m.
Confessions [bilingual]	Saturdays 2:45—3:45 pm

Faith Formation Ministries and Groups

Catholic Faith Formation D.R.E.		916.381.5200
Catholic Faith Formation	Aracely Narvaez	916.383.6719
Spanish Coordinators	Maria Consuelo Gutierrez	
RCIA for Adults	Angie Lovett	916.803.6463
RCIA for Children	Emilia Caoagas	916.849.5617
RCIA for Teens	Imelda Nanca	916.402-1904
Catholics Returning Home	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916. 895.1441
Baptism Preparation	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916. 895.1441
Couples for Christ	Billy/Virgie Monteagudo	916.682.6397
Young Adults Ministry	Kay NaRanong	916.425.4661
Legion of Mary	Norma Bolante	916.688.8769
Vocation Committee	Frances Gomes	916.421.0300
Families in Christ Jesus	Angie Lovett	916.803.6463

Social Ministries and Groups

Christmas Fair	Call the office	916.381.5200
Fall Festival	Call the office	916.381.5200
Cultural Dinner	Guily & Naty Fontillas	916.362.7541
Parish Breakfasts	Knights of Columbus	916.381.5200
Religious Goods Store	Irene Ingham	916.689.2865
Yard Sale	Call the office	916.381.5200
Wedding Coordinator	Le Pham stpaulwedcoordinator@gmail.com	

WELCOME!

You are encouraged to participate in our many functions, events, and activities. We offer opportunities for parishioners to use the time, talent, and treasure that God has given them in praise and glory of His name through our liturgical, care-giving, philanthropic, faith-formation and social ministries.

Councils

Pastoral Council	Paul Pham	916.381.5200
Finance Council	Jerry Fong	916.689-9418

Liturgical Ministries

Sacristan	Bob Benton	916.381.5200
Youth Altar Servers Ministry	Alex Plam	916.381.5200
Adult Altar Servers Ministry		
Martha's Daughters	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Art & Environment Ministry		
Eucharistic Ministry		
Hospitality Ministry	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Ministry of the Word	Shirley Brown	916.612.7023
Ministry Sick and Homebound		916.381.5200
Music Ministry		

Caregiving Ministries and Groups

Bereavement Ministry		
Health Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
Loaves and Fishes Ministry	Diane Welsh	916.682.7810
Social Justice Ministry	Diane Welsh	916.682.7810
Pro Life 4 Life	Charlene Valine	916.682-0557

Philanthropic Ministries and Groups

Catholic Daughters of the Americas	Nellie Basquez	916.381.1365
Knights of Columbus	Grover Sandy	916.455.6080

MISSION STATEMENT

We, God's people of St. Paul Catholic Parish In Sacramento, California, a multicultural, inclusive and welcoming community, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ are called: to bring all people of God together in worship, to declare our belief in God's love, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate and grow in our relationship with God.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON: 3/20	THELMA TOMADA † Requested by family
TUES: 3/21	EDUARDO ALVA † Requested by Ma. Luisa
WED: 3/22	LIAM DEVENECIA † Requested by family
THURS: 3/23	MARIA NGUYEN † TERESA NGUYEN † Requested by Hanh Nguyen family
FRI: 3/24	MASS OF SPECIAL INTENTION FOR PRIMITIVA QUERO PANELO Requested by Maylin

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't.

—Blaise Pascal

March 19, 2017
Third Sunday in Lent

*While we were still sinners Christ died for us
-Romans 5:8*

THIRST FOR LIFE GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

LENT

Abstinence: Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.

Fast: Everyone over 18 and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and continuing the fast on Holy Saturday is encouraged.

Prayer

In order to deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged to read and pray with sacred Scripture; to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church; to participate in devotions offered by the parish and to pray more fervently, individually, and as families. The faithful are exhorted to pray the rosary, visit the Blessed Sacrament, pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, world peace and for an ongoing implementation of the pastoral initiatives of the Third Diocesan Synod.

Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross.

English: 6:00pm

Spanish: 7:00pm

English Stations will be followed by a simple meal of soup and bread in the parish hall.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

YOUTH MISSIONARY NEWS (SPYM)

FEBRUARY 2017 PROFIT & LOSS

Want to join SPYM?

For more information contact:

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Or visit: <http://st.paul-florin.org/youth-ministry>

<https://www.facebook.com/events1543001669170057>

SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 25/26 Catholic Relief

This collection makes possible the Catholic Church's global mission to fight poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants, and advocate for justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of human rights. A portion of this collection is allocated to the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe,

April 1/2

.St. Paul Building Fund & Capital Campaign

This collection will help provide funds to repay the funds borrowed from the Diocese to build the Religious Education Center. Parishioners who have pledged to the Capital Campaign may use the pink envelopes to make their pledge payments

MASS ON TV

Every Sunday, Heart of the Nation will televise Catholic Mass at 6:30am on KSPX (ION) Channel 29, Prayer intentions from viewers, Prayer for Spiritual Communion during distribution of the Holy Eucharist, and closed captioning makes this Mass on TV and online a time of spiritual comfort. To watch this Mass online please visit www.heartofthenation.org.

COLLECTION

	4:00pm	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am	1:00pm	TOTAL
February						
5	\$1369.00	\$1091.00	\$1485.00	\$1602.00	\$931.54	\$6476.54
12	\$1356.00	\$783.00	\$1538.00	\$1207.00	\$959.11	\$5843.11
19	\$1286.00	\$811.00	\$1097.00	\$1043.00	\$784.37	\$5021.37
26	\$1079.00	\$715.00	\$1262.00	\$955.00	\$798.13	\$4809.13
March						
5	\$1634.00	\$1297.00	\$1495.00	\$1681.00	\$786.15	\$6893.15

INCOME	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offerory	\$ 25,732	\$ 23,775	\$ 1,957
Other Income	\$ 7,092	\$ 5,812	\$ 1,280
Religious Articles & Books	\$ 929	\$ 555	\$ 374
Religious Education	\$ 2,200	\$ 4,750	\$ (2,550)
Total Income	\$ 35,953	\$ 34,892	\$ 1,062

EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 13,759	\$ 19,705	\$ (5,947)
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 11,278	\$ 9,712	\$ 1,566
Religious Articles & Books	\$ 649	\$, 514	\$ 135
Property Tax & Insurance	\$ 2,570	\$ 2,689	\$ (119)
Parish Programs	\$ 3,961	\$ 1,432	\$, 2,528
Religious Education	\$	\$ 1,000	\$ (1,000_

Diocesan Assessment	\$ 5,004	\$ 4,601	\$ 403
Total Ordinary Expenses	\$ 37,220	\$ 39,655	\$ (2,434)

Net Operating Income (1,267) (4,763) \$ 3,495

OTHER INCOME

Interest	\$ 1	\$	\$ 1
Capitol Campaign & Blding Fund	\$ 17,976	\$ 13,800	\$ 4,176
Diocesan & sp. Coll.	\$	\$	\$
Total Other Income	\$ 17,976	\$ 13,800	\$ 4,176

OTHER EXPENSES

Interest	\$	\$ 1,691	\$ (1,691)
Diocesan & Special Collections	\$	\$	\$
Capital Fund Drive One Camp	\$ 31,023	\$ 13,925	\$ 17,098
Youth Group	\$ -	\$	\$
Total Other Expenses	\$ 31,023	\$ 15,616	\$ (15,407)

Net Other Income \$ (13,041) \$ (1,816) \$ (11,230)

NET INCOME (14,313) \$ (6,579) \$ (7,734)

DIVINE MERCY SCHOLARSHIPS

Divine Mercy Human Development Foundation (DMHDF) aims to provide education and other opportunities to the disadvantaged to fully develop their potential and thus improve their quality of life, in keeping with their dignity as children of God. This non-political, non-profit 501 (C) (3) charitable organization is pleased to announce its offering of six (6) \$1,000.00 scholarship awards during the Fall 2017 semester for a college education program, one (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship award for technical education and four (4) scholarships for Catholic high school education for school year 2017-2018. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2017. To download the application

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Donuts and Coffee

The Knights will be hosting donuts on the Sun days in March in the parish hall. Come and enjoy donuts, coffee, hot chocolate and tea for just a donation.

Join the Knights of Columbus

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Knight please ask any Knight, they should all be wearing their name badges, or call Roger Tafoya at (916) 936-3810.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, the custom of sending some pieces of consecrated bread from the Lord's table began to take hold. Originally it was a way of assuring the sick and imprisoned of their bonds of faith and affection with the community from whom they were separated. By the third century, at least in Rome, we have evidence that the bishop would consign some of the sacred elements to presbyters or deacons.

There was a crisis in the unity of the church early on, called the quartodeciman controversy, since some people wanted to celebrate the Pasch on the fourteenth day (quartodecima) of the Jewish month Nissan, even if it didn't fall on a Sunday. The debate so fractured the church that the historian of the era, Eusebius, reported a new development to the pope. He wrote that the churches holding to the Lord's Day sent out consecrated bread to the disgruntled people of the quartodeciman pastors with whom they were quarreling. Meanwhile, bishops complained about people taking the Eucharist home. St. Cyprian told a cautionary tale of a sinful woman who tried to open the "casket" containing the consecrated bread in her home. She was deterred from receiving, he said, by flames erupting from the box. Clearly, he wanted people to think twice before bringing Communion home!

The Council of Nicaea defined the "old rule of the church" as allowing for reserving the reserving the eucharistic bread for the sake of the dying. The same council could foresee circumstances of persecution when people might have the Eucharist on hand to administer to one another in a time of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first and enduring purpose Eucharist is viaticum for the dying.

HEALTH MINISTRY

Flu season is here. If you are sick, or think you might be sick, or are concerned about contracting an illness, you should refrain from receiving the Blood of Christ.

Be assured that "since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace." [from the Book of Catechism, #1390]

SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Pray for sick family members, friends and parishioners.

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| Priscilla Wong | Virginia Collier | Bernadette Carrasca |
| Victoria Vasilescu | Jean Hesse | Ashley Brackin |
| John Jastraub | Ellen Yee | Noah de los Reyes |
| Shirley Robinson | Gregory Judd | Broderick Steele |
| Lorraine Schaefer | Michael Delgado | Juan San Miguel |
| Jessica Lintag | Jackie Martin | Peggy Meier-Beyers |
| John Rideaux | Martha Montanez | Gertie Davis |
| Sandy Burgoon | Ricardo Campos | Elnora Williams |
| Teresa Ziegler | Johnathan Robinson | Norberta Bamford |
| Terry Sanchez | James Solari | Dorothy Butler |
| Mauricio Vargas | Elizabeth Solari | Ed Brooks |
| Jack Steele | Maria Lopez | Don Glavich |
| Frank Farrell | Raymond Gutierrez | Barbara Sules |
| Rodulfo Reyes | Nilda Medina | Bethany Lewis |
| Monica Cordero | Doreatha Viltz | Olive Budmark |
| Rodrigo Reyes | Virginia Thomas | |

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Ministry will sponsor the "Mother Mary's Baby Shower." We are currently collecting sizes 5 & 6 diapers, baby food, pull-ups for toddlers, baby bottles, new baby blankets, pacifiers, baby wipes and baby cereal. We are also requesting new or gently used maternity clothes. Boxes for your donations are in the entrances of the church.

In early May, close to Mothers' Day, all the donations will be delivered to Maryhouse, located at Loaves & Fishes by members of the Social Justice Ministry. Your generosity is appreciated. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation please mark it "Social Justice Ministry. Thank you!

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for the following members of our families serving in the Armed Forces

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| Gary B. Foster II | Janae Santos | Don Jamples |
| Jay Candaso | Brian Vergith | Ryan Gandy |
| Norbert Mendiola Jr. | Martin Sinlao | Cody Machado |
| Jeffrey Yazel | Sergio Pineda | Mark A. Ramos Jr. |
| Daniel Roy Ryan | Ariel Rollins | Cameron Lindsay |
| Gregorio Rodriguez | Don Carlo Geroche | Armando Asahan |
| Roel C.. Dones | John Marc James | Conner Sommerfield |
| Ricardo Cervantes | Ruben N. Libed | Arianna Brown |
| Stephen Rich | Nilo Uy Villaluna Jr. | |

MOUNTAINS OF LOVE

You are invited to the "Mountains of Love" concert, presented by the Christian Brothers, Saint Francis & Hesuit High School Choirs, Friday March 24 at St. Ignatius Church, 3235 Arden Way. This concert is to benefit "Camp Recreation" providing a residential summer camp and year round activities for participants with developmental disabilities, all while creating valuable respite for parents and caregivers.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Recent Bereavement

Please keep the families and friends in your prayers for St. Paul Parishioners whose funerals, or Memorial Masses were celebrated during the past few weeks,

Erica Naranong & Ardith Ruef. Daniel Hanzalik, Faith Aguilar, Gloria Vernon, Sam Butler, Terzon Laforteza, Mary De Donato/ Martin Danao, Terry Querido, Ralph Sanchez, William Key., Lydia Shadd, Isabel Garcia. May they rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon them. For more information please call the rectory 381-5200.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already made a one-time, or an on-going donation to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift will make a difference in someone's life. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late!

Envelopes are still available in the church. Don't forget...25% of what you give is returned to our parish to assist people in our community who need a little help.

HEALING LITURGY

St. Robert Church invites you to attend a Healing Liturgy, Mass and Anointing of the Sick to be held on Saturday, April 8 at 10:00am. The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered during the liturgy, Fr. Freddie Gucor will be the celebrant.

In present times, this sacrament is conferred not only to those who are seriously ill, but also to those who are asking for healing for any physical, emotional or spiritual need. It is the hope and faith of the Church that this sacrament will strengthen the person to overcome, or ease their suffering and that he/she may be physically and spiritually healed. It is a rite that is conferred to convey God's grace to the recipient, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Refreshments will be available following the Liturgy. St Robert Church is located at 2243 Irvin Way. For more information call Marie at 456-7495 or Maria (bilingual) at 423-1911.

HELP AFTER DIVORCE

Helping you find peace, power and passion after a divorce. The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide will help you to discover how to work through the emotions of separation and divorce: Experience personal healing and hope: Gain wisdom and comfort from others who share your experiences: Address questions of forgiveness and new family dynamics.: obtain an understanding of the annulment process.

April 5 from 6-8 Every Wednesday for six weeks Holy Trinity Parish. For registration and more information call Teresa Greenman 833-9460 or email Teresa.ann123@gmail.com

BUS TRIP

Help contribute to St. Paul Building Fund as we plan another Bus Trip to Feather Falls Casino:

Date: March 23, 2017
Boarding Time: 8:45am
Departure Time: 9:00am St. Paul parking lot
Cost \$25.00
Refund: \$3.00 Food coupon
\$12.00 Cash

Continental breakfast: For reservations please contact: Rose Basos 381-3845, Emilia Dones 849-5617, Paz Cajucom 667-8235 or Naty Fontillas 362-7541.

DIOCESAN NEWS

God is Calling (Deus Vocat)

Religious Life? Marriage? Consecrated Life?
Single Life

Who: Girls Ages 13-17 (High School)
Where: Trinity Pines Catholic Center,
28000 Rollins Lake Rd, Colfax CA.

When: May 19-21, 2017
Time: Begins on Friday at 3:30pm and ends on
Sunday at 1:00pm

Cost: For this awesome weekend is only \$50.00
Learn about Religious orders, Marriage and consecrated Life, and enjoy music by Daniel Oberreuter from the Bank "The Thirsting" on Friday at this Retreat. There will be time for fellowship, games and meals are included. Please contact the Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations to obtain a registration form, or for more information (916) 733-0258 or email msmith@scd.org

Fast, Pray and Give with the Diocese of Sacramento

The Diocese of Sacramento's Lenten Social Media Challenge is underway! Follow the Diocese on your favorite social media channel today to join the challenge:

Facebook: Diocese of Sacramento
Instagram @DioceseSacramento
Twitter @sacatholic

Unplugged Retreat for 8-12 graders

April 8 1-9:00pm

Sr. Clare Church Roseville

Unplugged challenges high school teens to unplug from the distractions of this world and plug into their relationship with God. Join us for a day of prayer, food, wisdom, reflection and fun. Cost is only \$8 per person. 1 chaperone required for every 10 students. RSVP to Lourdes Ramirez at Iramirez@scd.or. This retreat is cosponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento and CRS.

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma 19 de marzo 2017

SEDIENTOS DE LAS AGUAS QUE DAN VIDA

Especialmente durante la Cuaresma, la Semana Santa y el tiempo de Pascua, los textos de oración de la Iglesia Occidental se deleitan con imágenes paradójicas de Cristo: la vida eterna que muere, el anfitrión de la cena que es también alimento, el crucificado sediento del que mana agua de vida de su costado. Estas imágenes fluyen de las representaciones de Jesús por parte de los evangelistas y de su mismísimo ministerio, durante el cual muchas veces cambió o invirtió las expectativas que las personas tenían sobre él o sobre los designios de Dios. Esta “inversión” está en juego en el Evangelio de hoy, cuando Jesús habla con una extranjera enemiga que está por debajo de su condición social. Además él, el que tiene sed, demuestra que la mujer es la única que tiene sed verdadera. Él –cuyos labios secos dirán “Tengo sed” antes de morir– es la fuente de vida y del agua que da vida. La Cuaresma nos llama a reflexionar sobre cómo cada uno de nosotros tiene sed de Cristo y nos lleva, en última instancia, de vuelta a las aguas dadoras de vida de nuestro bautismo en su Cuerpo.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Agua salió de la roca para apagar la sed del pueblo (Éxodo 17:3-7).

Salmo — Si hoy oyen su voz, no endurezcan su corazón (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — El amor de Dios se ha derramado en nuestro corazón por el don del Espíritu Santo (Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8).

Evangelio — El agua que yo les daré se convierte en el manantial de vida eterna (Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b- 26, 39, 40-42]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a
 Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23
 Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mc 12:28-34
 Sábado: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38
 Domingo: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

La Cruz:

Es uno de los símbolos que más se usa en nuestra fe, Nos recuerda que Jesús murió en la cruz y fue resucitado de entre los muertos. un crucifijo es una cruz con el cuerpo de Jesús puesto en ella, El Cristo.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Para ser cristiano en la Iglesia católica necesitas recibir los tres sacramentos de Iniciación, es decir, el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Si te falta uno de estos sacramentos no estás completamente iniciado. Algunos cristianos insisten que si no estás confirmado no te puedes casar por la Iglesia, pero esto no es completamente cierto. Según las leyes de la Iglesia, los cristianos que desean contraer Matrimonio deberían buscar ser confirmados, si les es posible sin grave dificultad (Canon 1065).

Todos conocemos el Bautismo y la Eucaristía, pero ¿qué es la Confirmación? El nombre lo dice todo. Con la Confirmación, confirmamos ante Dios y la Iglesia que deseamos ser cristianos por el resto de nuestra vida. Confirmarse es comprometerse, es entregarse al servicio de Dios ayudando al prójimo con la gracia y el poder del Espíritu Santo. Por eso es importante recibir una buena preparación.

La mayoría de nosotros no tuvimos opción cuando nuestra mamá y nuestro papá nos bautizaron. Nuestros padres y padrinos dijeron sí por nosotros y, si cumplieron con su compromiso, nos enseñaron con palabras y buen ejemplo como decir sí al Evangelio de Cristo. Sea que nos hayamos bautizado como infantes o como adultos, la Confirmación nos da la oportunidad de dar un sí pleno. ¡Sí! a ese bautizo, ¡Sí! a la Iglesia y en especial ¡Sí! a Cristo.

MEDITEMOS

Palabras del Papa Francisco 2017: La Cuaresma es un nuevo comienzo, un camino que nos lleva a un destino seguro: la Pascua de Resurrección, la victoria de Cristo sobre la muerte. Y en este tiempo recibimos siempre una fuerte llamada a la conversión: el cristiano está llamado a volver a Dios «de todo corazón» (Jl 2,12), a no contentarse con una vida mediocre, sino a crecer en la amistad con el Señor.

Jesús es el amigo fiel que nunca nos abandona, porque incluso cuando pecamos espera pacientemente que volvamos a él y, con esta espera, manifiesta su voluntad de perdonar (cf. Homilía, 8 enero 2016).

La Cuaresma es un tiempo propicio para intensificar la vida del espíritu a través de los medios santos que la Iglesia nos ofrece: el ayuno, la oración y la limosna. En la base de todo está la Palabra de Dios, que en este tiempo se nos invita a escuchar y a meditar con mayor frecuencia. En concreto, quisiera centrarme aquí en la parábola del hombre rico y el pobre Lázaro (cf. Lc 16,19- 31). Dejémosnos guiar por este relato tan significativo, que nos da la clave para entender cómo hemos de comportarnos para alcanzar la verdadera felicidad y la vida eterna, exhortándonos a una sincera conversión.

La Palabra es un don y el otro es un don

Continuará



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Ministerio de la Palabra: María C. Gutiérrez 916.395.7219

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Quiere unirse a nuestros diferentes ministerios, por que "Nuestro bautismo nos llama a compartir la misión de Cristo". Si esta interesado favor de llamar a cualquier persona de los teléfonos de arriba de esta pagina.

MATRIMONIOS Y QUINCEAÑERAS

Para mas información sobre estos eventos por favor comuníquese con el Diacono Antonio Ramírez al 381-5200.

PLATICAS PRE BAUTISMALES

Las clases Pre-Bautismales que son el último sábado del mes, **durante el mes de Marzo no habrá clases ni bautismos por la Semana Santa y la próxima clase será hasta el 29 de Abril que será para Bautizar el primer sábado de Mayo .**

BAUTISMOS

La celebración del Sacramento del Bautismo, es el primer sábado de cada mes a las **9:45 a.m.** Debido a la Semana Santa no habrá Bautismos durante el mes de Marzo y abril hasta Mayo.

Requisitos: Haber atendido los padres y padrinos a las platicas pre-bautismales, Traer comprobante si atendieron en otra parroquia. **Padrinos y Madrinas:** Si son pareja, que estén casados en la Iglesia Católica, y haber recibido los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana.

CUARESMA

Vía Crucis

A partir del 3 de marzo y cada viernes durante la Cuaresma habrá Vía Crucis.

Inglés: 6:00 pm.

Español: 7:00 pm

SUFRIMIENTO

Jesús no vino para acabar con el sufrimiento ni para quitarlo. Vino a llenarlo de su presencia

MINISTERIO DE JUSTICIA

El Ministerio de Justicia Social esta patrocinado "Madre María Babi Shower" que terminara el día de las Madres y actualmente estamos recibiendo ropa para bebe y niños tallas de 5 y 6, pull-ups para niños pequeños, pañales, comida, biberones, mantas, chupetes, toallitas y cereales para bebés. También estamos solicitando ropa de maternidad nueva o usada presentable. Las cajas para sus donaciones están a la entrada de la iglesia en cada puerta.

A principios de mayo, cerca del Día de la Madre, todas las donaciones serán entregadas a Maryhouse, ubicada en Loaves & Fishes por miembros del Ministerio de Justicia Social. Su generosidad es apreciada. Si usted prefiere hacer una donación monetaria por favor marque su sobre con "Ministerio de Justicia Social. ¡Gracias!

CAMPAÑA CATOLICA ANUAL

Gracias por las personas generosas que donaron un regalo de solo una vez o los que hicieron promesas mensuales o anuales a la Campaña Católica Anual 2017. Su regalo hará una diferencia en la vida de muchos. Si aún no has hecho una donación, ¡no es demasiado tarde! Los sobres todavía están disponibles en la iglesia. No olvide ... El 25% de lo que da es devuelto a nuestra parroquia para ayudar a las personas de nuestra comunidad que necesitan un poco de ayuda

NUSTRSO SUEÑO ES REALIDAD

Actualizando Nuestro Sueño continua—en el servicio de todos: Nuestra campaña consta de dos partes: el reembolso de nuestro préstamo \$849,235.64 saldo de \$ 678,715.76 y la contribución necesaria de la Campaña Diocesana Una para apoyar y proveer servicios sociales y ampliar las oportunidades del Ministerio Juvenil. Nuestras contribuciones asignadas son \$ 158,000.00. dejándonos con un saldo de \$118,949.88.

Todos los que han cumplido con sus promesas hechas llenando sus sobres rosados han facilitado también hacer cumplir con este compromiso con la Diócesis. **Su compromiso con nuestra parroquia es Verdaderamente excepcional! Gracias**

SEGUNDA COLECTA

Marzo 25/26 — Servicios Católicos de Socorro

Esta colecta hace posible la misión global de las Iglesias Católicas para combatir la pobreza, proporcionar alivio y desarrollo, ayudar a los refugiados y los inmigrantes, y abogar por la justicia y la paz en situaciones de conflicto y el abandono de los derechos humanos. Una parte de esta colecta se asigna a la Iglesia Católica en Europa central y oriental también.

Abril 1/2 .—. Fondos de St. Paul y Campaña de Capital para ayudar a proporcionar fondos para pagar la deuda a la Diócesis de la construcción del Centro de Educación Religiosa. Los feligreses que ayudan pueden utilizar los sobres de color rosa para hacer sus pagos. Gracias.