

From the Pastor

A man forgot and left his bicycle in a crowded marketplace. When he remembered a few hours later, he thought to himself that most probably, somebody must have already taken his bicycle. Still he went back to the marketplace, and to his great surprise, the bicycle was there. Feeling grateful, he stopped by a church which was on his way home to pray and left the bicycle outside. When he came out after a few minutes, the bicycle was gone.

Something is not quite right here? In a crowded marketplace, the bicycle was safe; in a quiet church, the bicycle was stolen.

Something similar happened in the temple of Jerusalem as we read in the gospel today. No wonder the ever calm and cool Jesus got angry and “made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.”

In his homily on this event of cleansing the temple, Pope Francis said that “it is a reminder to Christians of the need for authentic worship and conformity between liturgy and life.” He warned against “entering the Lord’s House, while behaving in a way contrary to justice, honesty and charity towards one’s neighbor.”

Pope Francis also reminded that “Christians do not go to church only to observe a precept or to feel right with God but to encounter the Lord and discover the strength to think and act according to the Gospel. “

He said further, “Worship and liturgical celebrations are a privileged environment for listening to the Lord’s voice which guides us on the path of righteousness and of Christian perfection.”

The following prayer was found written over the door of a church: “Lord, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children nor to straying feet. Make this house a house of prayer and a gateway to your kingdom.”

May that prayer be ours as we enter our church every Sunday.

Your brother and friend,
Fr. Roland

This Week in Our Parish

--Sunday, March 4-**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
Mass at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)

1:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m. (English)

BLESSINGS FOR MARCH BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIV.
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP BY THE GROUP OF OUR
MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP @
THE COMMUNITY CENTER

--2:15 p.m. Catholic Mothers-Parish Hall

--3:00 p.m. Daughters of the Holy Spirit-Meeting Room

Monday, March 5-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.

--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES

--5:00 p.m. Mondays with Mother Mary-Parish Hall

--8:00 p.m. Scriptural Rosary-Chapel

--Tuesday, March 6-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 6:30 p.m.

Voting All Day-Parish Hall

--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES

--7:00 p.m. Sharing the Faith-Bishop Odin

--7:00 p.m. Choir Practice-Church

--7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:45 p.m. St. Joseph Novena-Chapel

--Wednesday, March 7- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm

--6:30 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations-Chapel

--6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:00 p.m. That Man is You-Parish Hall

--7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-Community Center

--7:30 p.m. Neo Cats-Meeting-Alleluia-Noah’s Ark & “A”

--8:00 p.m. Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Church

-Thursday, March 8- Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.

--6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:00 p.m. FTCM-Community Center

--7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus-Parish Hall

--7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer-Bishop Odin

--7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary-Room “B”

--8:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer-Chapel

--11:00 p.m. Precious Blood-Chapel

-Friday, March 9- Mass at 6:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

& 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass-Church

--5:00 p.m. Fish Fry-Community Center

--7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Room “F”

--7:30 p.m. Divine Mercy-Chapel

--7:30 p.m. Lord’s Flock-Alleluia Room

--8:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Chapel

--8:00 p.m. Totus Tuus Prayer Group-Parish Hall

-Saturday- March 10- Mass at 8:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

--7:30 a.m. Rosa Mystica Rosary-Chapel

--8:45 a.m. St. Joseph Novena-Chapel

--12:00 p.m. USCAT-Alleluia Room

--12:30 p.m. Rosa Almazan+ (Death Anniv.)-Church

-4:00 p.m. Confessions-Church

--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Parish Hall

--Sunday, March 11- 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)

1:00 p.m. (Spanish), -5:00 p.m. (English)

COFFEE BY THE NEOCATCHUMENATE
AND TACO BREAKFAST BY THE HISPANIC
COMMUNITY

--1:00 p.m. Couples for Christ-Welsch Center

--2:00 p.m. Bible Study-Meeting Room

--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

EVERY FRIDAY/ TODOS LOS VIERNES
SEASON OF LENT/ CUARESMA 2018



Stations of the Cross:

Immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass
6:30 pm (English)

MASS/ MISA: 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual-Bilingüe)

Estaciones de la Cruz

Después de la Misa de las 7 p.m. (Español)

Lenten Guidelines/ Guías Cuaresmales

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year.

Los Viernes en Cuaresma son días obligatorias de abstinencia competa (de la carne) para todos los que han cumplido 14 años

Fasting is obligatory for people from 18-60 years. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal.

El ayuno es obligatorio para personas de 18-60 años. El ayuno le permite una persona comer una comida completa. Se pueden tomar dos comidas pequeñas, que no equivalen a una comida completa.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the 'paschal fast' to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Si es posible, el ayuno del Viernes Santo continúa hasta la Vigilia Pascual (en la noche del Sábado Santo) como el "ayuno pascual" para honrar el sufrimiento y la muerte del Señor Jesús, y para prepararnos para compartir más plenamente y celebrar más fácilmente su Resurrección.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 4- 3RD WEEK OF LENT

Ex 20: 1-17, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1: 22-25; Jn 2: 13-25

--7:00 a.m. + Leon & Josefa Cusi

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

--11:00 a.m. + Delfin Jugueta

--1:00 p.m. Erick & Jose L. Luviano Jr. (Special Int.)

--5:00 p.m. + Pascuala C. Honculada

Monday, March 5- 3rd Week of Lent

2 Kgs 5: 1-15ab; Lk 4: 24-30

--6:15 a.m. + Antonio (Tony) Reyes

--7:00 p.m. + Annabelle & Irine Pepitot

Tuesday, March 6- 3rd Week of Lent

Dn 3: 25, 34-43; Mt 18: 21-35

--6:15 a.m. Melissa & Vanessa Alvarez (Spec. Int.)

--6:30 p.m. + Eddy G. Poncede Leon

Wednesday, March 7- 3rd Week of Lent

Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19

--6:15 a.m. Mauricio Alvarez (15th Birthday)

--7:00 p.m. Vocations

Thursday, March 8- 3rd Week of Lent

Jer 7: 23-8; Lk 11: 14-23

--6:15 a.m. + Porfirio Lising (Death Anniversary)

--7:00 p.m. Cruzat & Rodil's Family (Thanksgiving)

Friday, March 9- 3rd Week of Lent

Hos 14: 2-10; Mk 12: 28-34

--6:15 a.m. + Sylvester Oyibo

--10:00 a.m. Maria Esquivel (Birthday)

--7:00 p.m. + Rosa Isela Almazan (Death Anniversary)

Saturday, March 10- 3rd Week of Lent

Hos 6: 1-6; Lk 18: 9-14

--8:00 a.m. + Joseph Vo

--5:00 p.m. + Macario & Raul Agustin

Sunday, March 11- 4TH WEEK OF LENT

2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23; Eph 2: 4-10; Jn 3: 14-21

--7:00 a.m. + Pedro G. & Cinderilla L. Medrano

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

--11:00 a.m. + Delfin Jugueta

--1:00 p.m. + Isais Gomez

--5:00 p.m. + Marcelina O'Limpo

Shroud Encounter

Notre Dame Catholic Church
Saturday, April 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
\$5.00 Admission

Presented by the international expert, Russ Breault. The presentation is a fast moving, big-screen experience using over 200 images covering all aspects of Shroud research.

Sactuary Candles burning in Memory of:

Antonio (Tony) Reyes
From Vicki, Regs, Rhoelt & Grandchildren



Barbara Collier, Cary Kearns, Francisco Saiza, Alfred Mikula, Mike Rios, Joel Castro, Antonio Macrohon, Becky Navarro, Mary Lou Walker, Ianne P. Quila, Anthony & Maria Tran, Sue Zientek, Jesus de Mora, Mike Trimbom, Trisha Lovetro Koch, Mel Gayao, Severo Zapata, Ma. Dolores D. Zapata, Madelaine Zenaida, Richard & Iris Treviño, Lucita Ramirez, Sidonia Klekar, Patricia Miata.....

and ALL sick members of our parish community.

Homebound: Visited by our Ministers of the Sick...

Lydia Agustin, Sam Barletta, Dolly Cyganski, Elizabeth Misri, Carolyn Starrette, Francisca Salaria, Rosa Waguespack, Don Wenglar, Stephen Mustafa Kroma, Lawrence Carter, Patricia Mohnorah, Zenaida Maglalang, Carmen Calderas...



Easter Flower Fund

In Kindness and love for your church please consider contributing to our Easter flower Fund. Flowers may be donated in memory of someone dear to you or for any intention. Envelopes are located in the wooden racks in the Narthex. You may place them in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Office.

Thank You

The Officers and Members of the *Confraternity of Our Lady of Lourdes*, truly appreciate your overwhelming support in making our 160th Anniversary celebration a big success.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!

PARISH SUPPORT

**Financial Results for Church Operations
Six Months: July-December, 2017**

Receipts.....\$473,006
Expenses.....\$518,069
3 Month Deficit.....\$ 45,063

PARISH WEEKLY NEEDS \$17,500

Collection 02/25/2018

Regular Collection.....\$12,610.69
Poor Box..... \$75.00
Novena\$204.82
Capital Campaign.....\$6,484.46

DSF (295 Families)

Pledged.....\$40,283
Payment.....\$16,839

EWTV will be airing programs hosted by Fr. Cedric Pisegna, C.P. each Sunday of Lent from 4:30-5:00 p.m. CT. The series is named Lent- A Season of Grace

- 3/4/18 "Persevere in Prayer"
- 3/11/18 "You are Loved"
- 3/18/18 "Explosive Growth"
- 3/25/18 "Holy Week"

**Notre Dame Prepares for its 50th Year Anniversary
We Need Your Help!**

Take lots of pictures of your group meetings, activities, celebrations, etc. for the Parish Pictorial Directory Special Edition. Send pictures to admin@ndgh.org or accounting@ndgh.org or bring them to the parish office.

**CCE Office Hours/ Horario de Oficina CCE
281-495-1256**

Monday/Lunes.....4-8 pm
Tuesday/Martes.....4-8 pm
Wednesday/Miércoles.....9 am-2pm
Thursday/Jueves.....9am-5pm
Friday & Saturday.....Closed/Cerrado
Sunday/Domingo.....9am-1pm

*Hours subject to change/Horario sujeto a cambio

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Del Pastor

Un hombre olvidó su bicicleta en un mercado abarrotado. Horas más tarde recordó que había olvidado su bicicleta, pensó a sí mismo que lo más probable es que alguien ya lo había tomado. Regresó al mercado y, para su gran sorpresa, la bicicleta estaba allí. Sintiendo agradecido, se detuvo en una iglesia que quedaba camino a su casa para orar y dejó la bicicleta afuera. Cuando salió después de unos minutos, la bicicleta ya no se encontraba allí.

¿Algo no está bien aquí? En un mercado abarrotado, la bicicleta estaba a salvo; en una iglesia tranquila, la bicicleta fue robada.

Algo similar sucedió en el templo de Jerusalén como leemos en el evangelio de hoy. No es de extrañar que Jesús, siendo tranquilo, se enojara y "hizo un látigo de cordeles y los echó del templo, con todo y sus ovejas y bueyes; a los cambistas les volcó las mesas, y les tiró al suelo las monedas, y a aquellos que vendían palomas, dijo: "Quiten todo de aquí y no conviertan en un mercado la casa de mi Padre".

En su homilía sobre este evento de limpieza del templo, el Papa Francisco dijo que "es un recordatorio para los Cristianos de la necesidad de una adoración auténtica y conformidad entre la liturgia y la vida". Advirtió contra "entrar a la casa del Señor, mientras uno se comporta de una manera contrario a la justicia, la honestidad y la caridad hacia el prójimo".

El Papa Francisco también recordó que "los Cristianos no van a la iglesia solo para observar un precepto o sentirse bien con Dios, sino para encontrarse con el Señor y descubrir la fortaleza para pensar y actuar de acuerdo con el Evangelio".

Dijo además: "La adoración y las celebraciones litúrgicas son un entorno privilegiado para escuchar la voz del Señor que nos guía por el camino de la rectitud y la perfección Cristiana".

La siguiente oración se encontró escrita sobre la puerta de una iglesia: "Señor, haz que la puerta de esta casa sea lo suficientemente amplia como para recibir a todos los que necesitan amor humano y compañerismo, lo suficientemente angosto para excluir toda envidia, orgullo y contienda. Haga que su umbral sea lo suficientemente accesible, para que los niños no se desvíen de su camino. Haz de esta casa una casa de oración y una puerta de entrada a tu Reino".

Que podamos hacer que esta oración sea nuestra cuando ingresemos a nuestra iglesia todos los domingos. Que crezcamos en la comprensión de que, de hecho, como señaló el Papa Francisco, "más que una doctrina o un rito para ejecutar, la liturgia es fundamentalmente una fuente de vida y luz para nuestra fe".

Su hermano y amigo,
Padre Rolando

EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Domingo, 4 de Marzo-

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

- 1:00 p.m. Misa en Español-Iglesia
- 4:00 p.m. MFCC-Centro Comunitario
- 6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

Lunes, 5 de Marzo-

- 9:00 a.m. AMSIF-Salón Parroquial y Varios Salones
- 7:00 p.m. RICA-Centro Comunitario
- 7:00 p.m. Legión de María-Salón Odín

Martes 6 de Marzo -

- 7:00 p.m. Catecismo de la Iglesia-Salón de Conferencias

Miércoles 7 de Marzo-

- 6:30 p.m. Rosario en Español-Capilla
- 7:00 p.m. Coro en Español-Salón "F"
- 7:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "G"
- 8:00 p.m. Apostolado de la Cruz-Salones Odín y Conferencias

Jueves 8 de Marzo-

- 7:00 p.m. Oración y Vida-Meeting Room
- 7:00 p.m. ELI Grupo de Oración-Salones "F" y "G"

Viernes 9 de Marzo-Primer Viernes

- 6:30 p.m. Legión de María Jóvenes- Salón "E"
- 7:00 p.m. Grupo ELI-Salones B C E G
- 7:00 p.m. Solo para Parejas-Meeting Room
- 7:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "A"
- 7:00 p.m. Preparación de Matrimonio-Salón de Conferencias

Sábado 10 de Marzo-

- 4:00 p.m. Confesiones-Iglesia
- 6:00 p.m. Movimiento Familiar Cristiano-Salón Aleluya
- 7:00 p.m. ELI- Salón "C"
- 7:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret- Salón de Conferencias

Domingo 11 de Marzo-

CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

- 1:00 p.m. Misa en Español -Iglesia
- 6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

**Notre Dame se prepara para su
50 Aniversario:
¡Necesitamos de su ayuda!**
Tome muchas fotos de sus reuniones grupales,
actividades, celebraciones, etc. para la edición especial
del directorio ilustrado de la parroquia.
Envíe sus fotos a: admin@ndgh.org o
accounting@ndgh.org o tráigalo a la oficina de la
parroquia.

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Sábado, 14 de Abril a las 7:00 p.m.
Admisión de \$5.00
Más información en futuros boletines ...