

From the Deacon

Today's Gospel again offers us the words that Jesus addressed to Nicodemus: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn3:16). In hearing these words, Pope Francis writes: "We turn our heart's gaze to Jesus Crucified and we feel within us that God loves us, truly loves us and He loves us so much! This is the simplest expression that epitomizes all of the Gospel, all of the faith, all of theology: God loves us with a free and boundless love."

When we ponder Christ crucified we see the supreme proof of the mercy and love that God has for us. Jesus loved us "to the end" (Jn13:1), meaning that he not only loved us to the last instant of his earthly life but to the farthest limit of love. God's mercy knows no bounds. He loves us, He forgives us, He forgives everyone and forgives for always.

Yet, even while we contemplate this great love that God has for us, we also recognize that we live in a world of unspeakable sufferings. The recent shootings in our schools that has caused such a great national debate over school violence is just one reminder of how we fail to love one another as we should. We might ask: "If God so loved the world, why doesn't he do something to relieve all this suffering?"

The question brings us back again to our need for Lent. We need to face not only the truth that God loves us but also the truth about us; that we are sinners living in a world marred by sin. The truth is that we sadly are the reason why there is no peace in this world. We are a people that too many times choose darkness over the light. And that is why Lent is the opportunity for us to return once more to Jesus who in his mercy calls us back to himself. He is the only answer to a world that is too often cold, violent and unforgiving.

In these final weeks of Lent, let us spend some time in contemplating what it really means for God to send His only Son to this world on our behalf. May we see in the cross of Christ the deep love that God has for us and for our world. The crucified Christ is our hope and our life. We need to live every aspect of our lives based upon this truth. Then our world and we ourselves will find the peace that this world desperately needs.

In Christ,

Deacon Frank

This Week in Our Parish

--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)

Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services

COFFEE BY THE NEOCATECHUMENATE AND TACO BREAKFAST
BY THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

NO CCE CLASSES

--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-Parish Hall

Monday, March 12-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.

NO CCE CLASSES

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

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

--Tuesday, March 13-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 6:30 p.m.

NO 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

--Wednesday, March 14- 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 15- 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. 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 16- Mass at 6:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

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

10:30 a.m. Precious Blood-Meeting Room

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

--6:00 p.m. Youth for Christ-Welsch Center

--7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Meeting Room

--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 17- Mass at 8:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

--8:00 a.m. Pre-Baptism Class-Meeting Room

--8:00 a.m. Couples for Christ-Room "B"

--2:00 p.m. Wedding Pamela Rule/Jon Bugayon-Church

--4:00 p.m. Confessions-Church

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

--Sunday, March 18- 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 & PANCAKES BY THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE
AMERICAS

--2:00 p.m. African Community-Parish Hall

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

FOURTH 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 11- 4TH SUNDAY 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

Monday, March 12- Monday of 4th Week of Lent

Is 65: 17-21; Jn 4: 43-54

--6:15 a.m. + Iván Flores

--7:00 p.m. Lester Flores (Happy Birthday)

Tuesday, March 13- Tuesday of 4th Week of Lent

Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5: 1-16

--6:15 a.m. Yolanda & Cesar Alvarez (Spec. Int.)

--6:30 p.m. Familia Guevara (Special Intentions)

Wednesday, March 14- Wednesday of 4th Week of Lent

Is 49: 8-15; Jn 5: 17-30

--6:15 a.m. Lucy & Miguel Alvarez (Spec. Intent.)

--7:00 p.m. + Simon Daen

Thursday, March 15- Thursday of 4th Week of Lent

Ex 32: 7-14; Jn 5: 31-47

--6:15 a.m. + Caroline Ikazoboh

--7:00 p.m. + Sixto y Petra de Guevara

Friday, March 16-Friday of 4th Week of Lent

(Abstinence)

Wis 2: 1a, 12-22; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

--6:15 a.m. + Agapito Agustin

--10:00 a.m. + Ambrosio M. Dizon (Death Anniversary)

--7:00 p.m. Alexa Colin

Saturday, March 17- Saturday of 4th Week of Lent

Jer 11: 18-20; Jn 7: 40-53

--8:00 a.m. Alphonse Stoute (God Help & Protection)

--5:00 p.m. Loreto Barbosa (Birthday)

Sunday, March 18- FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jer 31: 31-34; Heb 5: 7-9; Jn 12: 20-33

--7:00 a.m. + Mamerto & Florencia Endriga

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

--11:00 a.m. Nsobundo Family (Thanksgiving)

--1:00 p.m. + Linda Castellanos

--5:00 p.m. + Alberico & Josefina Tansionco

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.

Sanctuary Candles burning in Memory of:

Bertha & Arturo Flores

From: The Coronado Family



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 Trimborn, 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S NOVENA Schedule

March 10, Sat.8:45 AM...Chapel
 March 11, Sun.2:30 PM...Chapel
 March 12, Mon.6:00 PM...Chapel
 March 13, Tue.5:45 PM...Chapel
 March 14, Wed.6:00 PM...Chapel
 March 15, Thu.6:00 PM...Chapel
 March 16, Fri.6:00 PM...Chapel
 March 17, Sat.8:45 AM...Chapel
 March 18, Sun,2:30 PM...Chapel

**Feast of St. Joseph
 Monday, March 19, 2018
 Holy Mass at Church 7:00 PM**

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 03/04/2018

Regular Collection.....\$16,098.99
 Poor Box.....\$109.03
 Novena\$207.00

Our Lady of Lourdes.....\$1,698.20

Capital Campaign.....\$8,485.95

DSF (295 Families)

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

EWTN will be airing programs hosted by Fr. Cedric Piseгна, 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"

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**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

THE CCE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 3/9/18 -3/16/2018
 *Hours subject to change/Horario sujeto a cambio

Del Diácono

El Evangelio de hoy nuevamente nos ofrece las palabras que Jesús le dirigió a Nicodemo: “Porque Dios amó tanto al mundo que le dio su único Hijo” Escuchando estas palabras el Papa Francisco escribió: “Volvemos nuestra mirada de corazón al Jesús crucificado y sentimos adentro de nosotros que Dios nos ama, ¡verdaderamente nos ama y El nos ama mucho! Esta es la simple expresión que representa todo el Evangelio, toda la fe, toda la teología: Dios nos ama con un amor libre e inagotable.”

Cuando nosotros consideramos a Cristo crucificado vemos la prueba suprema de la misericordia y amor que Dios tiene por nosotros. Jesús nos amó “hasta el fin”, significando eso que El no solamente nos amó hasta el último instante de su vida terrenal sino al límite más lejano del amor. La misericordia de Dios no conoce límites. El nos ama. El nos perdona, El perdona a todos y perdona para siempre.

Aún, mientras contemplamos este gran amor que Dios tiene para nosotros, también reconocemos que vivimos en un mundo de horribles sufrimientos. Los recientes tiroteos en nuestras escuelas han causado un gran debate nacional sobre la violencia escolar, es solamente un recordatorio de cómo fallamos a amarnos los unos con los otros como deberíamos hacerlo. Nosotros podríamos preguntar: “Si Dios tanto ama al mundo, ¿porqué El no hace algo para aliviar este sufrimiento?”

La pregunta nos trae de regreso a nuestra necesidad por la Cuaresma. Necesitamos encarar no solo la verdad de qué Dios nos ama pero también la verdad acerca de nosotros; de que somos pecadores viviendo en un mundo arruinado por el pecado. La verdad es que tristemente nosotros somos la razón porqué no hay paz en el mundo. Somos una gente que muchas veces escogemos la oscuridad sobre la luz. Y ese es el porqué la Cuaresma es la oportunidad para que nosotros regresemos una vez más a Jesús quién en su misericordia nos llama de regreso a El mismo. El es la única respuesta a un mundo que es muy seguido frio, violento y despiadado.

En estas últimas semanas de Cuaresma, pasemos algún tiempo contemplando lo que realmente significa para Dios enviar a Su Hijo único a este mundo por nosotros. Que nosotros veamos en la cruz de Cristo el amor profundo que Dios tiene por nosotros y por nuestro mundo. El Cristo crucificado es nuestra esperanza y nuestra vida. Necesitamos vivir cada aspecto de nuestras vidas basados sobre esta verdad. Entonces nuestro mundo y nosotros mismos encontraremos la paz que este mundo necesita desesperadamente.

En Cristo,
Diácono Frank

Domingo 11 de Marzo-

CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –RICA Segundo Escrutinio

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

Lunes, 12 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 13 de Marzo -

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

Miércoles 14 de Marzo-

--7:30 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 15 de Marzo-

--7:00 p.m. ELI Grupo de Oración-Salones “F” y “G”

Viernes 16 de Marzo-

--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. RICA Prep.de Matrimonio-Salón de Conferencias

Sábado 17 de Marzo-

--8:00 a.m. Clases Pre-bautismales-Salón Parroquial

--9:00 a.m. ELI- Salón Aleluya

--4:00 p.m. Confesiones-Iglesia

--7:00 p.m. ELI- Salón “C”

--7:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret- Salón de Conferencias

Domingo 18 de Marzo-

QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –RICA Tercer Escrutinio

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

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50 Aniversario:

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Sábado, 14 de Abril a las 7:00 p.m.

Admisión de \$5.00

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