

From the Pastor

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” With these words, Jesus was speaking about his forthcoming death, which we will commemorate next week. As a human being, understandably Jesus was experiencing fear and anxiety, “I am troubled,” he said, but always obedient to his Father’s will and focused on his mission, he was determined to die on the Cross. “It was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”

And then comparing himself to a grain of wheat, which “unless it falls to the ground and dies, remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit,” similarly his death would bring about much fruit. For indeed, it would give life to all who would believe in him.

Here we see the paradox in following Christ, who turned the values of the world upside down, “whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.” Life and happiness which we all long for is meant to be forever and not limited to this world. “Man does not live by bread alone.” Wealth, power, success and pleasure are not the be- all and end-all of life, which many people subscribe to.

That is why Jesus spoke about his hour not as a moment of death but of glorification. “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” “He did not say the hour was near for him to die, but for him to be glorified. He grouped Calvary and his triumph together.” (Fulton Sheen)

It is interesting to note that he spoke about his death and the grain of wheat to his disciples and the Greeks who wanted to see him. Again the Ven. Fulton Sheen had this observation, “At his birth, the Wise Men of the East came to his cradle; now the Greeks, who were the Wise Men of the West, came to the cross. Both the Magi of the East and the Magi of the West were to see a humiliation in the first instance, God in the form of a babe in Bethlehem. and in the latter, God in the form of a criminal on the Cross. As a sign leading to an understanding of his divinity, the Magi were given the star; the Greeks, a grain of wheat.”

It teaches us about the universality of salvation, “And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” May we be drawn indeed to Jesus who invites us to follow him in the way of the Cross and like a grain of wheat, die to our selfishness, sin and greed and bear much fruit.

Your brother and friend,
Fr. Roland

This Week in Our Parish

--Sunday, March 18-5TH 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)

COFFEE & PANCAKES BY THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
OF THE AMERICAS @ THE COMMUNITY CENTER

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

--2:30 p.m. God Father Prayer Group-Chapel

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

Monday, March 19-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

--7:00 p.m. Mass-Feast of St.Joseph-Church

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

--Tuesday, March 20-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 6:30 p.m. W&S

--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES

--7:00 p.m. Marriage Preparation Orientation-John Paul II

--7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation-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 21- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm

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

--7:00 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 22- Mass at 6:15 a.m.,

7 PM NOTRE DAME LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room

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

--7:30 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 23- Mass at 6:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

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

--3:00 p.m. Vivian Gamez (Quinceañera)-Church

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

--7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Room “F”

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

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

Boy Scout-Pinewood Derby-Community Center

--10:00 a.m. Catholic Daughters-Conference Room

--10:00 a.m. First Reconciliation-Church

--12:00 p.m. PASCOH-Alleluia

--2:00 p.m. Joseph Tran & Mieng Tieu-Wedding-Church

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

--Sunday, March 25- PALM SUNDAY-PASSION SUNDAY

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 & FELLOWSHIP BY THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

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

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Parish Celebration in Honor of the Divine Mercy



Saturday, April 7 (Eve of the Divine Mercy Feast Day and Commemoration of the death of St. Pope John Paul II)

- *8 a.m. Mass Followed by Novena Prayer & Benediction
*Procession with icon
*Concludes on the back parking lot with prayer and blessing of individual icons, paintings and statues
*Parish picnic to follow
More information in upcoming bulletins.

Salubong Easter Celebration

Angels in the Salubong will have their practice on March 24 & 31, Saturday, 10 am sharp @ the CCE Meeting Room. If you are interested to join our group of angels (ages 12 and younger) Please call Madel @ 832-641-6284 or April Cabrales @ 713-584-5006

Shroud Encounter

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

The Shroud of Turin is the most analyzed artifact in the world yet remains a mystery. The 14-foot linen cloth has been in Italy for over 400 years. The Turin contains an image of a crucified man with apparent wounds and bloodstains that match the crucifixion as recorded in the bible. A team of nearly 40 scientists in 1981 concluded it was not the work of an artist. They found no visible trace of paint, pigment, dye or other artistic substances on the cloth. The blood is type AB with human DNA as determined in 1995. If the cloth indeed wrapped a corpse, there are no stains of body decomposition.

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Tansiongco

Monday, March 19- Monday 5th Week of Lent

2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a

- 6:15 a.m. Mery, Paul & Oumar (Special Intention)
--7:00 p.m. + Remily Avanzado (Death Anniversary)

Tuesday, March 20- Tuesday 5th Week of Lent

Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8: 21-30

- 6:15 a.m. + Patricio Guevarra
--6:30 p.m. Nkechi (Nikki) Izuakor (Birthday) W&S

Wednesday, March 21- Wednesday 5th Week of Lent

Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8: 31-42

- 6:15 a.m. Luz Dimayuga (Healing)
--7:00 p.m. Vocations

Thursday, March 22- Thursday 5th Week of Lent

Gn 17: 3-9; Jn 8: 51-59

- 6:15 a.m. John & Gaby Alvarez (Special Intention)

Friday, March 23- Friday 5th Week of Lent

Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42

- 6:15 a.m. + Paola Alejandra Romo
--10:00 a.m. + Dinh Viet Thuc

- 7:00 p.m. + Esperanza Flores Perales (Special Intention)

Saturday, March 24- Saturday 5th Week of Lent

Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11: 45-56

- 8:00 a.m. + Anacleto Guevara Espinoza (Healing)
--5:00 p.m. + Xavier & Anna Rodrigues

Sunday, March 25- PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mk 11: 1-10; Mk 14: 1-15: 47

- 7:00 a.m. + Stoute Family
--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners
--11:00 a.m. + County & Nelo Healthcare (Thanksgiving)
--1:00 p.m. + Hilda Mejia (Death Anniversary)
--5:00 p.m. + Mamerto (Boy) Endriga, Jr.

Lenten Guidelines/ Guías Cuaresmales

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.

Sactuary Candles burning in Memory of: Amelia D. Abueg



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...

EVERY FRIDAY/ TODOS LOS VIERNES

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)



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.

**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

***Figures are not available at this time, will be posted on next week's bulletin**

Collection 03/11/2018

Regular Collection.....\$
Poor Box.....\$
Novena\$
Capital Campaign.....\$

DSF (285 Families)

Pledged.....\$73,445
Payment.....\$34,648.80

EWTN 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

- 3/18/18 "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**

Del Pastor

"Ha llegado la hora de que el Hijo del hombre sea glorificado". Con estas palabras, Jesús estaba hablando de su muerte, que conmemoraremos la próxima semana. Como ser humano, es comprensible que Jesús experimentara miedo y ansiedad, "estoy preocupado", dijo, pero siempre obediente a la voluntad de su Padre y centrado en su misión, estaba decidido a morir en la Cruz. "Fue por este propósito que llegué a esta hora".

Y luego comparándose con un grano de trigo, que "a menos que caiga al suelo y muera, sigue siendo solo un grano de trigo, pero si muere, produce mucho fruto", de manera similar, su muerte produciría mucho fruto. Porque de hecho, daría vida a todos los que crean en Él.

Aquí vemos la contradicción de seguir a Cristo, que revolucionó los valores del mundo, "el que ama su vida la pierde, y el que odia su vida en este mundo la preservará para la vida eterna". Lo que todos anhelamos, vida y felicidad está destinado a ser para siempre y no limitado a lo que encontramos en este mundo. "El hombre no vive solo de pan". La riqueza, el poder, el éxito y el placer no son el propósito de la vida, a lo que mucha gente se suscribe.

Es por eso que Jesús habló sobre su hora no como un momento de muerte sino de glorificación. "Ha llegado la hora de que el Hijo del Hombre sea glorificado". Él no dijo que la hora de su muerte estaba cerca, sino que era tiempo para que fuera glorificado. Agrupó el Calvario y su triunfo." (Fulton Sheen)

Es interesante notar que habló sobre su muerte y el grano de trigo a sus discípulos y a los Griegos que querían verlo. Nuevamente el Venerable Fulton Sheen tuvo esta observación: "En su nacimiento, los Reyes Magos del Este llegaron a su cuna; ahora los Griegos, que eran los Reyes Magos de Occidente, llegaron a la cruz. Tanto los Reyes Magos de Oriente como los Reyes Magos de Occidente verían una humillación en primera instancia, Dios en la forma de un bebé en Belén y en este último, Dios en la forma de un criminal en la Cruz. Como un signo que conduce a la comprensión de su divinidad, a los Reyes Magos se les dio la estrella y a los Griegos un grano de trigo."

Nos enseña acerca de la universalidad de la salvación, "Y cuando sea levantado de la tierra, atraeré a todos hacia mí". Que en verdad seamos atraídos a Jesús, quien nos invita a seguirlo en el camino de la Cruz y como un grano de trigo, morir en nuestro egoísmo, el pecado y la avaricia y así obtener mucho fruto.

Su hermano y amigo,
Padre Rolando

EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Domingo, 18 de Marzo-

QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español-RICA Tercer Escrutinio
--6:30 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

Lunes, 19 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 20 de Marzo -

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

Miércoles 21 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"
--7:00 p.m. Guadalupanos-"Salón E"
--8:00 p.m. Apostolado de la Cruz-Salones Odín y Conferencias

Jueves 22 de Marzo-

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

Viernes 23 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. RICA Prep. de Matrimonio-Salón de Conferencias

Sábado 24 de Marzo-

--9:00 Hijos e Hijas de Maria-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 25 de Marzo-

DOMINGO DE RAMOS DE LA PASI DEL SEÑOR

--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.**

Encuentro con el Manto de Turín

**Iglesia Católica de Notre Dame
Sábado, 14 de Abril a las 7:00 p.m.
Admisión de \$5.00**

El Manto de Turín es el artefacto más analizado en el mundo y sigue siendo un misterio. El lienzo de 14 pies ha estado en Italia por más de 400 años. El Turín contiene una imagen de un hombre crucificado con heridas aparentes y manchas de sangre que coinciden con la crucifixión como se registra en la Biblia. Un equipo de casi 40 científicos en 1981 concluyó que no era obra de un artista. No encontraron rastros visibles de pintura, pigmento, tinte u otras sustancias artísticas en la tela.