

CONFESSION

We encourage everyone to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Holy Week. Confessions will not be heard on Good Friday & Holy Saturday.

Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 pm
All Fridays of Lent 6:00 to 7:00 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All Fridays of Lent 7:00 pm

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 27 at 5:00 pm
Sunday, March 28 at 7:30 am,
9:30 am (bi-lingual), 11:30 am
and 5:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY

April 1

Mass of the Last Supper at 7:00 pm followed by Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12pm on Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2

Service of the Passion at 3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

April 3

Easter Vigil / Mass of the Resurrection at 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 4

Mass at 7:30 am, 9:30 am (bi-lingual),
11:30 am and 5:00 pm



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH

5:00 pm Mary, Lisa & Carmen Pizzimenti r/b Bonnie & Anthony

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST; 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Anthony 'TJ' Luna r/b Cheryl Vintaloro

9:30am Amanda Ragno r/b Choir of St. Joseph Church

11:30am Leticia Bilog r/b Steve & Merla Marek

1:00pm Filipino Mass

5:00pm Ricardo Ochoa r/b Ochoa family

MONDAY, MARCH 22ND

7:00am Michael Cappelluti r/b Dr. & Mrs. Ciro Carafa

12:00pm Ruth Luna r/b John Cannizzaro

TUESDAY, MARCH 23RD

7:00am Speedy recovery of Fr. Bede Hechanova, OSB
r/b Cesar Perez

12:00pm Ruth Luna r/b Salvatore Riccobono

7:00pm †Dora & Rosendo Souto r/b Lilie Souto

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24TH

7:00am Speedy recovery of Carlos Reyes r/b Cesar Perez

12:00pm Ricardo Herman Ochoa r/b Ochoa family

7:00pm Rose & Ralph Acerno r/b Rose Filippelli

THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH; ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

7:00am †Gloria Arce r/b daughter, Arleen, & family

12:00pm Healing & complete recovery of Myrna Danan & family
r/b Falcon & Cris DeGuzman

FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH

7:00am For the parishioners

12:00pm Benjamin & Mathilde Eugenio r/b Lucy

SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH

7:30am Alfredo Dela Paz r/b family

5:00 pm Christina Wille r/b Philip Coniglio

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH

7:30am Gerald, Irene, Baby Jerry & Jerry, Jr. LoProto
r/b James LoProto

9:30am Carmelo Vartalone r/b Maria Maggiore & son

11:30am Anthony Treopaldo r/b Antonia & Arcellie

5:00pm Danny & John Sassano r/b family

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

LENTEN FAMILY CALENDAR

help you honor the season of Lent with ideas for practicing the traditional pathways of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, your family can take simple steps to a meaningful Lent

MARCH 21

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Pray for the willingness to seek forgiveness from people you have hurt.

MARCH 22

Fast from light. Sit by the light of one candle in your home. Remember that Jesus has called you to be a light for the world.

MARCH 23

Make a prayer out of performing a loving action for others. For example, when you take out the garbage or help your child with homework, do it mindfully.

MARCH 24

Pick a day when you fast from using electronic appliances.

MARCH 25

When you see or hear a news story about someone in trouble, pray for the person as a family.

MARCH 26

Fast from hitting the snooze alarm. Get up and use the extra time for prayer.

MARCH 27

At the grocery store, pray for the farmers and all those who help make available the food that you will bring to your table.

MARCH 28

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
Prayerfully read one of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

- SUN 3/21** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- MON 3/22** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
- TUE 3/23** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
- WED 3/24** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
- THR 3/25** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- FRI 3/26** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- SAT 3/27** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
- SUN 3/28** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Thursday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name," By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.



For THE SICK

Danan Family, Anthony Daleo, Joann Daleo, Sandy Bevilagua, Elita Pedraza and all the sick in our parish



FOR THE DECEASED

Milagros Aguila, Jose Lorcha, Kim Daborbor and the souls of all our faithful departed



BREAD & WINE

to be consecrated this week is offered in loving memory Amanda Ragno as requested by the Choir of St. Joseph



VIGIL CANDLE

to be lighted this week is offered in loving memory of Vincenza Anzalone as requested by Ken Rocha & family

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

5:00 PM: Pedone & Carafa

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 am: Pedone & Carafa

9:00am: Ruby & Pitocco

11:30 am: Gansley & Ongteco

5:00 pm: Aranez & Olivia

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

5:00 PM: Villegas & Aranez

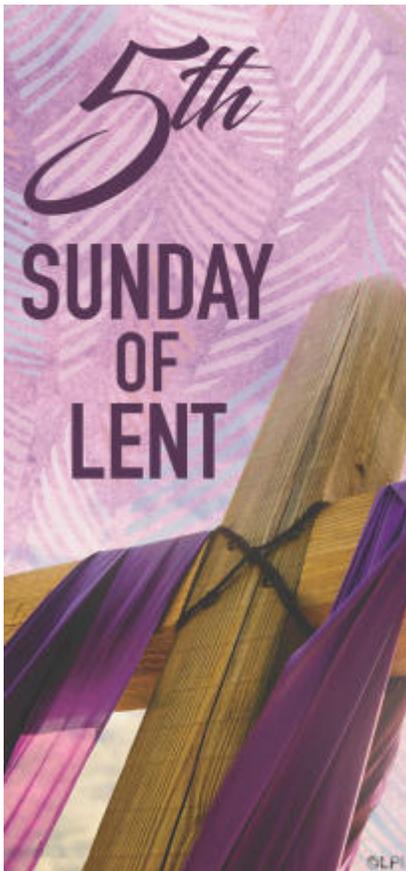
SUNDAY, MARCH 28

7:30 am: Maniago & Vintaloro

9:00am: Riccobono & Pitocco

11:30 am: Ruby & Pedone

5:00 pm: DeGuzman & Marcelo



Reading I *Jer 31: 31-34*

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD.

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD.

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm *51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15*

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. (R)

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. (R)

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me.

I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you. (R)

Reading II *Heb 5:7-9*

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

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.



SUNDAY, 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM MASS
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ENTRANCE:

FEAST MEANT FOR EVERYONE

Bread for the immigrant,

bread for the poor

Bread for the hungry

who beg at our door

Food for the outcast

waiting to belong

Come to the feast

meant for everyone

Bread for the sheltered,

bread for the rich

Those who need nothing

but all Jesus is

Food for all people,

empty we all come

Come to the feast

meant for everyone

Chorus:

Oh, how great is the love of God

In this body broken,

this saving blood

Oh, how great is the love of God

Here in the feast

meant for everyone (2x)

OFFERTORY:

FOR ALL ONCE BROKEN

O sacred heart for all once broken

Your precious blood for sinners

shed

Those words of love by You were
spoken

That raise to life the living dead
(2x)

O heart your love for all outpour-
ing

In pain upon the cross, You bled
Come now with light, our life re-
storing

O heart by which our hearts are
fed (2x)

Draw near to us Lord Jesus

Your holy presence heals us (2x)

Draw near to us (2x)

O heart by which our hearts are
fed.

COMMUNION:

BREAD OF HEAVEN

Bread of heaven, Savior broken,
cup of life outpoured;
we your people thirst and hun-
ger.

Come renew us, Lord;

come renew us, Lord.

From the mountain, blessing spo-
ken

where we came to pray;

with the simple truth before us:

love them in my name;

love them in my name.

Bread of heaven, Savior broken,
cup of life outpoured; we your
people thirst and hunger.

Come renew us, Lord;

come renew us, Lord.

From the garden dark with sor-

row,

from the tears you wept,
bloomed the flower of salvation:
new life born of death,
new life born of death.

Bread of heaven, Savior broken,
cup of life outpoured; we your
people thirst and hunger.
Come renew us, Lord (2x)

RECESSIONAL:

WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH

Chorus :Praise the Lord with all
your heart,

With all your mind and soul,

With all your strength give praise.

Praise the Lord with all your
heart,

With all your mind and soul,

With all your strength give praise.

The God of Jacob keeps faith for-
ever.

His love endures for all genera-
tions.

Let us praise his holy name, for
he is God.

Let us praise his holy name, for
he is God. (Chorus)

The God of justice raises the lowly.
He gives freedom to the op-
pressed.

Let us praise his holy name, for
he is God.

Let us praise his holy name, for
he is God. (Chorus)

A gentle reminder — after Mass, please bring with you this bulletin. Do not leave them in pew nor return to the table. We have enough copies for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

*Whatever you do, you should do ALL
for the glory of God*

March 14, 2021: 4th Sunday of Lent

Special Collection	<u>\$ 977.00</u>
Assessment	460.00
Easter Flowers	417.00
Easter Gift	100.00
Mass Offering	<u>\$ 4,518.00</u>
Regular Collection	2,947.00
Home bound	956.00
On-line Giving / WeShare	715.00
Budget Anticipated	\$ 5,800.00
Weekly Performance	- <u>\$ 1,282.00</u>
YTD Performance	-\$ 40,879.00

March 7, 2021: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Second Collection	<u>\$ 343.00</u>
Eastern Europe Collection	343.00
Special Collection	<u>\$ 312.00</u>
Assessment	287.00
Easter Flowers	25.00
Mass Offering	<u>\$ 4,422.00</u>
Regular Collection	2,987.00
Home bound	720.00
On-line Giving / WeShare	715.00
Budget Anticipated	\$ 5,800.00
Weekly Performance	- <u>\$ 1,378.00</u>
YTD Performance	-\$ 39,597.00

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

6:30 PM Rosary Prayer

7:00 PM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

THURSDAY, MARCH 25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

7:00 AM & 12:00 PM Mass

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

11:00 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 PM Rosary Prayer & Confession

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

12:00 PM Baptism

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday



WHY ARE VOTIVE CANDLES USED?

Msgr. Charles E. Pope

These are referred to as votive candles, and people purchase and light them to symbolize their prayers or devotion. The candle continues to burn for some hours or days (depending on the size) and thus signals the prayer and love of the person who lit it, long after they must go.

Biblically, the root of this practice is the notion of a "burnt offering." In the Old Testament, things of value (usually sacrificed animals) would be burned and thereby offered to God. The smoke was a symbol of the sacrifice of praise ascending to God.

Catholics who light candles are making an offering to God of prayer and praise. The fire of the candle symbolizes ardent love.

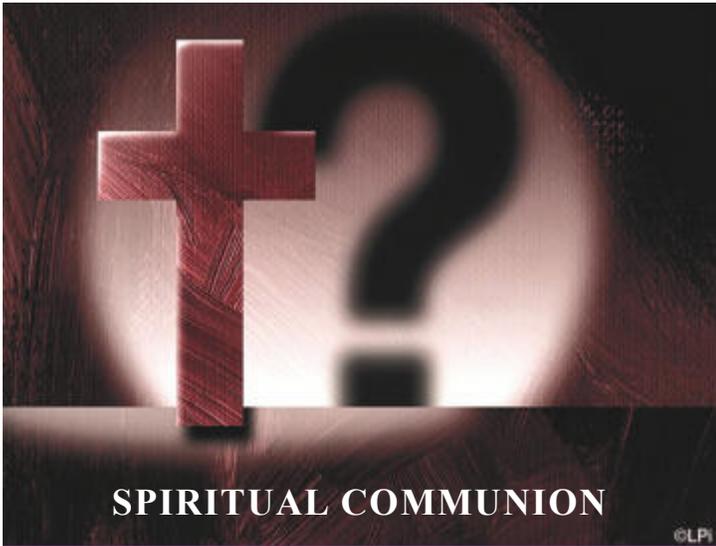
The consuming of the candle symbolizes the oblation (offering) of something of value to God: our time, our praise, our resources and so forth. The lingering quality of the candle symbolizes the fact that our prayers, praise and concerns continue in our heart even when we must leave the church. The flickering light also seems to say "Remember me, Lord, remember my prayer and those for whom I pray."

Electric votive candles do not as clearly show these symbols, but the idea is still the same.



Here in St. Joseph Church, lighting a votive (electronic) candle is still being practiced by many of our parishioners. The offered candles will burn for a week. During regular cleanup on Wednesday night, one candle will be left lit to cover for all petitions.

A donation box is kept next to it to help the parish defray the cost of acquiring and maintaining the votive. Though suggested amount is at three dollars (\$3), do not let it stop you from offering your petitions if the amount is not available at the moment. Likewise, any generous amount is appreciated.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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Question: *What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?*

Answer:

The practice of making a “spiritual communion” dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

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