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**March 21,**  
**2021**

## **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**DYING**  
*in order to*  
**GROW**

**JOHN 12 : 20-33**

### **MASS SCHEDULES**

#### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM

#### **Reconciliación**

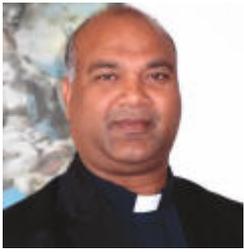
Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4PM

**Masses** Currently we have outdoor masses in English on Sunday at 9:00 AM and in Spanish on Sunday at 2:00 PM

#### **Mass Schedule**

We have indoor weekend masses at on Saturday at 4:30 PM in English and 6:00 PM in Spanish and on Sunday at 10:30 AM in English — All Masses are live streamed on Facebook or our webpage live. You can receive communion after the weekend masses by coming to the placita immediately after mass.

**United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit**



### From the Pastor's Desk:

Years ago, when General Mills, Inc. first began selling Betty Crocker cake mixes, the company offered a product which only needed water. All you had to do was add water to the mix which came in the box, and you would get a perfect, delicious cake every time. It bombed. No one bought it and the company couldn't understand why, so they commissioned a study which brought back a surprising answer. It seemed that people weren't buying the cake mix because it was too easy. They didn't want to be totally excluded from the work of preparing a cake; they wanted to feel that they were contributing something to it. So General Mills changed the Betty Crocker formula and required the customer to add an egg in addition to water. Immediately, the new cake mix was a huge success. Unfortunately, many people make the same mistake when it comes to "packaging" or presenting the Christian religion. They try to make the call of Jesus Christ as easy as possible because they're afraid people won't "buy" it if it seems too hard. You hear it expressed all the time in popular religion, from well-known Gospel songs and best-selling books to earnest evangelists standing on your doorstep. "All you have to do is tell Jesus you love Him. All you have to do is accept Him as your Lord and Savior. All you have to do is pray to Saint Jude and put an ad in the newspaper classifieds. All you have to do is ask for what you want in the name of Jesus and it will be done for you." Whenever you hear someone say "All you have to do" in relation to Christian Faith, all you have to do is walk away as fast as you can! You don't want to buy a religion where you don't even have to break an egg, where it's all pre-mixed for you in the box. That kind of Faith has an immediate appeal, but it lacks the depth to sustain you over the long haul of Christian living. Jesus did not "package" Himself in this way. Jesus said a number of things about the blessings of Faith and He talked about asking in order to receive, but He never presented the overall Christian life as being particularly easy, as we hear in today's Gospel

One day, a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?" The boy replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up, and the tide is going down. If I don't throw them back, they'll die." "Son," the man said, "don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!" After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said, "See, I made a difference for that one." "The Star Thrower" is a classic story of the power within each one of us to make a difference in the lives of others. Today's Gospel challenges us to make a difference in the lives of other people by our sacrificial service to those around us in the family, in the workplace and in a wider society.

**Nota de nuestro pastor:** Hace años, cuando General Mills, Inc. comenzó a vender mezclas para pasteles Betty Crocker, la compañía ofreció un producto que solo necesitaba agua. Todo lo que tenía que hacer era agregar agua a la mezcla que venía en la caja, y siempre obtendría un pastel delicioso y perfecto. Nadie lo compró y la empresa no entendía por qué, por lo que encargaron en hacer un estudio que arrojó una respuesta sorprendente. Parecía que la gente no estaba comprando la mezcla para pastel porque era demasiado fácil. No querían quedar totalmente excluidos del trabajo de preparar un pastel; querían sentir que estaban contribuyendo con algo. Entonces General Mills cambió la fórmula de Betty Crocker y requirió que el cliente agregara un huevo además del agua. Inmediatamente, la nueva mezcla para pasteles fue un gran éxito. Desafortunadamente, muchas personas cometen el mismo error cuando se trata de "empaquetar" o presentar la religión cristiana. Intentan hacer que el llamado de Jesucristo sea lo más fácil posible porque temen que la gente no lo "compre" si les parece demasiado difícil. Lo escuchas expresado todo el tiempo en la religión popular, desde conocidas canciones del evangelio y libros más vendidos hasta evangelistas fervientes que están en la puerta de tu casa. "Todo lo que tienes que hacer es decirle a Jesús que lo amas. Todo lo que tienes que hacer es aceptarlo como tu Señor y Salvador. Todo lo que tienes que hacer es rezar a San Judas y poner un anuncio en los clasificados de los periódicos. Todo lo que tienes que hacer y lo que debes hacer es pedir lo que quieras en el nombre de Jesús y te será hecho ". Siempre que escuches a alguien decir "Todo lo que tienes que hacer" en relación con la fe cristiana, ¡todo lo que tienes que hacer es alejarte lo más rápido que puedas! No quieres comprar una religión en la que ni siquiera tienes que romper un huevo, donde está todo premezclado para ti en la caja. Ese tipo de Fe tiene un atractivo inmediato, pero carece de la profundidad para sostenerte durante el largo recorrido de la vida cristiana. Jesús no se "empaquetó" a si mismo de esta manera. Jesús dijo varias cosas sobre las bendiciones de la fe y habló sobre pedir para recibir, pero nunca presentó la vida cristiana en general como particularmente fácil, como escuchamos en el Evangelio de hoy.

Un día, un hombre caminaba por la playa cuando notó que un niño recogía algo y lo arrojaba suavemente al océano. Acercándose al niño, le preguntó: "¿Qué estás haciendo?" El niño respondió: "Tirando estrellas de mar al océano. El oleaje está subiendo y la marea está bajando. Si no las arrojó, morirán". "Hijo", dijo el hombre, "¿no te das cuenta de que hay millas y millas de playa y cientos de estrellas de mar? ¿No puedes marcar la diferencia!" Después de escuchar cortésmente, el niño se inclinó, recogió otra estrella de mar y la arrojó al agua. Luego, sonriéndole al hombre, dijo: "Mira, yo hice la diferencia para ese". "Arrojando la estrella" es una historia clásica del poder dentro de cada uno de nosotros para marcar la diferencia en la vida de los demás. El evangelio de hoy nos desafía a hacer una diferencia en la vida de otras personas mediante nuestro servicio sacrificado a quienes nos rodean en la familia, en el lugar de trabajo y en una sociedad en general.

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week  
of March 21, 2021

### Sun/Dom:

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/Lunes:

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

### Tues/Martes:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn  
8:21-30

### Wed/Mier:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,  
56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

### Thurs/Juev:

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/Vier:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7  
[cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

### Sat/Sab:

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13  
[cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

### Next Sun./Dom:

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Friday - Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Bilingual  
on facebook and our webpage

### Weekend Masses

sign up in advance for indoor masses

- Saturday 4:30 English inside church
- Saturday 6:00 Spanish inside church
- Sunday 10:30 English inside Church
- ALL INDOOR MASSES LIVE STREAMED
- Sunday 9:00 English parking lot
- Sunday 2:00 Spanish parking lot

## OFFICE INFORMATION

### Parish Office

783-2766

### Parish Fax

783-2760

### Parish Email

[office@saintjoachim.net](mailto:office@saintjoachim.net)

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 10 AM-7:30

PM

Bi-  
ble

7:30 PM

Saturday 10 AM- 4 PM

Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM

Sunday 12 PM -4 PM

Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

### Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, martes, miércoles, y viernes

10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

### Rev. Ricardo Gonzalez, SVD

Parochial Vicar

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, miércoles, jueves y viernes

10:00 AM a 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

### Ariel Mayormita

Music Director/Director de Música

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### Flor Herce

Bookkeeper

### Pat Ludwig

Administrative Assistant

### St. Vincent de Paul

783-0344

### Office hours

1:00-2:30 PM ONLY

Monday-Friday

### San Vicente de Paul

Gary Enos, President

### Faith Formation Office

Oficina de Formación de Fe

785-1818

### Bertha Cruz

Administrative Assistant

### St. Joachim School

Escuela de San Joaquín

783-3177

### Armond Seishas

Principal

### Sandra Garzon

School Secretary

### St. Joachim Pre-School

783-0604

### Marisa Melgarejo

Director



Would you like to be one of our Parishioners to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday?

On Holy Thursday we will have a bilingual celebration inside the Church. We will continue with the tradition of the Priest washing some of our parishioners feet. If you would like to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday please call the Rectory Office and leave your name and phone number. If we select you we will call you back and let you know

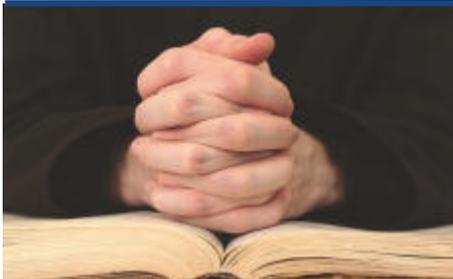


**Next Sunday — March 28th**

**Is - Palm Sunday**

**We will distribute palms before Mass  
Because of the Pandemic - We will not have a procession before Mass like we have in the past**

**We should have blessed palms available after mass and we will have some available at the rectory doors for those that attend Mass with us on line.**



**PRAY FOR**

- Jerome Aguiro
- Jennie Harling
- Ivan Benin
- Melanie Fabio
- Jennifer Bliss
- Nelie Esguerra
- Herminigilda Manuel
- Rodelio Manuel
- Florencio Rodriguez
- Albert Gonzales Jr.
- Albert Gonzales III
- Brenda Gonzales
- Gabby & Giselle Gonzales
- Kristina & Angelita Gonzales
- Edgar Delos Angeles
- Hali & Hunter Bubon
- Beatriz Perez
- Tammie Chambless

**DONATIONS**  
**St Vincent de Paul**  
offering for next week:

**Canned Vegetables  
or Rice**

*verduras enlatadas o arroz*

Donations are very much appreciated—but please no expired food. ~ Thank You

**CONTRIBUTIONS  
CONTRIBUCIONES**

**COLLECTIO FOR  
March 8-14, 2021**

The Plate Collection  
**\$ 3,443.00**

EFT Collection  
**\$ 190.00**

On Line Giving  
**\$ 747.00**

**TOTAL  
\$ 4,380.00**

## VATICAN CORNER

In the fourth century, the

Laterani family of Rome was stripped of their land because one of their members was accused of conspiring against the Emperor. In 324 A.D., Emperor Constantine 1st gave the building located on that land to the bishops of Rome in order to create the first Roman basilica. It became known as St. John Lateran (Basilica di San Giovanni in Laterano), named in honor of both St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. It is the oldest public church in the city of Rome, the oldest basilica of the Western world, and considered the mother church of the Roman Catholic Faith. It is located in Rome but outside the walls of Vatican City by about



2.5 miles, in territory owned by the Vatican through treaty. Over its history the Basilica has survived several fires, an earthquake, been reconstructed several times, and today is among the most beautiful churches in Rome. The Basilica is where all Popes were enthroned up until 1870, and today it is where the Pope, as the Bishop of Rome, celebrates Holy Thursday Mass. Just behind the Basilica, founded on top of a Roman thermal bath, is the baptistery of the Basilica of St. John Lateran. It had been the most important place to be baptized in Rome for nearly the last 1,600 years. Many generations of Romans received the sacrament of baptism there. The baptistery was built in 450 A.D., and a side chapel to the baptistery was decorated with a half dome of mosaics. Experts believe the mosaics are some of the oldest ones in Christianity. In the baptistery both cut and inlaid stones and cut and manufactured colored glass were used to form pictures. It is very rare to have mosaics like that still located in the place where they were created, and have not been moved to a museum. The mosaics are in need of some serious restoration due to water, time, grime and damage caused by past restorers. The mosaicist Robert Cassio and his small team from the Vatican Museums found that past restorers had placed large panel of stone mosaics in cement, one of the worst mediums to use for supporting mosaics. It is too heavy, too rigid and “irreversible” when future repair or removal is needed. Also soluble salts in the cement eventually form crystals” that damage the mosaic surface. The examiners also found that the vaulted spaces had many colored glass tiles missing and some had been replaced with colored paint instead. About 660 lbs or 300,000 glass tiles of 40 different colors were missing and needed to be replaced. The Vatican Museum contacted the group known as the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums and they came to the rescue once again to dedicate funds needed for the restoration. That group is an interfaith nonprofit organization which funds restoration of badly damaged and important pieces of Christian art and history of the collections and buildings of the Vatican Museums. Mary Angela Schroth the project’s coordinator said the baptistery is linked to the spiritual growth of Christianity and of course, our Catholic Church.” With the help of the Vatican Museums and its patrons, “we want to make the site of the Lateran baptistery a destination for faith, a destination to understanding what is baptism” and how the story of our faith is linked to its artistic and historical monuments.” The Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums who fund such restoration effort do so because they are dedicated to sustaining one of the oldest and most unconventional museums in the world. Unlike other major museums, the Vatican Museums receive no tax revenue to sponsor the restoration of its treasures, and therefore rely significantly on the generosity of its Patrons. This group of patrons have 5 international chapters, 15 North American Chapters, and one is located in California. Sources: [thecatholicspirit.com](http://thecatholicspirit.com), [catholicsentinel.org](http://catholicsentinel.org), [patronsvaticanmuseums.org](http://patronsvaticanmuseums.org)

“Please prayerfully consider giving to our parish community online as it does benefit our parish in many important ways.”



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2. ~~Drop your donation in the mail slot near the front Rectory door
- 3.~~Donate on line — the easy way . Go to our website [saintjoachim.net](http://saintjoachim.net) , in the upper right corner of the home page of the page click on donate/pay, select weekly/monthly donation and complete the form. It is easy to update and change as you want to. If you need assistance with this call the office and leave your name and phone and we will call you back and assist you. *We understand these hard times and appreciate you helping the church.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

March 20-27, 2021

### Saturday 4:30 PM

Arthur Murguia (*healing*)

### Saturday 6:00 PM

Nadirah Giocoman (*cumpleanos*)

Manuel Hernandez †

Rodrigo Alvarez †

### Sunday 9:00 AM

Tess Leynes (*birthday*)

Corazon Pulido †

Erlinda Reyes †

Minda Bermudez †

### Sunday 10:30 AM

Maria Silva †

David A. Tayco †

Rafael Valderrama Jr. †

Bienvenido Herce Llacar †

### Sunday 2:00 PM

Manuel, Carolyn & Leticia Cruz

(*intencion especial*)

Manuel & Maria Cruz (*salud*)

Evelia Zamora † (*aniversario*)

Julio Hernandez †

Paula & David Cruz †

Anthony Godofredo Guevara †

Francisco Chang †

Nancy Navarro †

### Monday 10:00 AM

Santiago Gonzalez † (*10th anniversary*)

### Tuesday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

### Wednesday 10:00 AM

Lazaro Aquero † (*anniversary*)

### Thursday 10:00 AM

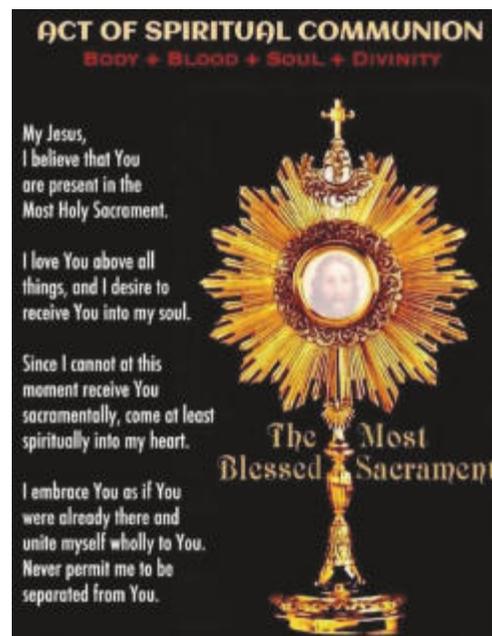
Anunciacion Parras (*birthday*)

### Friday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

### Saturday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim



Say this prayer  
when Father receives  
Holy Communion  
when you are  
participating from  
your home in our  
on line masses.

## HOW TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

If you would like to do a mass intention while the office is closed the easiest way is to do it online on our parish website [saintjoachim.net](http://saintjoachim.net) / Select the Donate/Pay in the upper right hand corner and then select mass intentions , put all your payment information in and in the comment section please put a date and time of the mass you would like your intention read at. Even though right now those mass times do not exist we would like to know which mass would be your preference. Intentions must be in by noon the day before except for the weekend masses - those must be submitted by noon on Friday. You can still drop mass intentions in the Rectory mail slot or in the mail but these must be a minimum of one week in advance since we are not in the office on a regular basis now. If you have questions about this process, please call the Rectory Office and someone will return your call.



# ***"The best time to rediscover Jesus is right now."***

"There are some questions that we all ask ourselves in different ways:

**Who am I?**

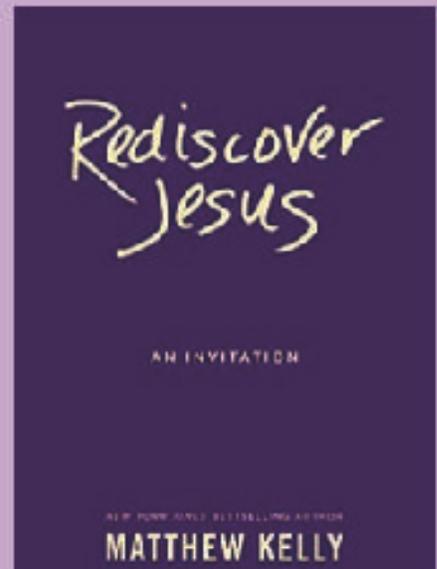
**Who is God?**

**What am I here for?**

**What matters most?**

**What matters least?**

**What will my contribution be?**



Jesus is the amazing friend who is going to help you answer them. Jesus is the amazing friend who is going to help you live the answers once you find them. Jesus is the amazing friend who is going to be at your side through it all."

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