



*St. Mary Catholic Church  
of Fannett and  
St. Martin de Porres Mission  
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**Fourth Sunday of Lent \* March 22, 2020**

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**Mass Times**

Monday 7:15 am Communion Service St. Martin

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. St. Mary  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. St. Martin dePorres  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. St. Mary



**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,  
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the  
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. or  
by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism**

June 10th, 7:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Needs to be arranged at least six months in  
advance. Please contact Pastor for appt.

**Vocations**

Interested in Priesthood or Religious Life  
Contact Rev. Tino 409-924-4360

**Devotions and Activities**

Sunday Rosary: 8:15 a.m. St. Martin

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday - March 21, 2020

4:00 p.m. - Cathy Tompkins †

### Sunday - March 22, 2020

9:00 a.m. - For All St. Mary/St. Martin Parishioners †

11:00 a.m. - Cleotilde R. Arrieta

### Monday - March 23, 2020

7:15 a.m. - Communion Service @ St. Martin dePorres

### Tuesday - March 24, 2020

NO MASS †

### Wednesday - March 25, 2020

NO MASS †

### Thursday - March 26, 2020

NO MASS †

### Friday - March 27, 2020

NO MASS †

### Saturday - March 28, 2020

4:00 p.m. - Ronnie Washburn †

### Sunday - March 29, 2020

9:00 a.m. - For All St. Mary/St. Martin Parishioners †

11:00 a.m. - Cleotilde R. Arrieta

*When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshipped him. — Jn 9:35-38*

## Readings For the Week...

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Lk 1:26-38  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53  
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Jn 11:1-45

## Baptismal Preparation Class

The Baptismal Preparation class is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Religious Education Building. Parents are required to attend one instruction class prior to the Sacrament. Please call the Parish Office to register.

## From the Pastor ...

### *Children of the Light*

Today's readings are filled with contrasting images — God's vision versus human vision, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in our daily lives.

Our Second Reading, from Ephesians begins, "...You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Because of our Baptism, we have the "light" of the Blessed Trinity dwelling within us. In the difficulties and messiness of daily life, it's easy to forget this glorious truth about ourselves. It can also be difficult to determine whether we truly are living in a way that reflects Christ's light.

The discipleship/stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talents and treasure, gives us a guide to help ensure we really are living as "children of the light."

In our Gospel passage from John, Christ restores sight to a man born blind. The man says that Christ "opened my eyes." These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways in our use — or misuse — of time, talents and treasure.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

**Father Jim**



## Activities For the Week...

### Wednesday - March 25, 2020

- NO Faith Formation Classes for K-5th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Elementary School.
- NO Jr/HS Faith Formation 6th-8th, 6:45 to 8:00 p.m., Elementary School.

### Friday - March 27, 2020

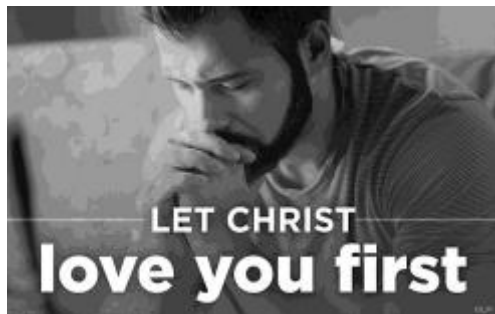
- Stations, St. Mary - 5:00 pm, St. Martin - 6:00 pm.
- KC Fish Fry, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Hall.

### Sunday - March 29, 2020

- Sunday Rosary, 8:15 a.m., St. Martin dePorres.
- St. Martin Youth Mass, 9:00 a.m.

## Tel-A-Prayer

We are updating St. Mary's Tel-A-Prayer list. If you would like to be added to the Tel-a-prayer list, please contact the Parish Secretary. When placed on the list, you will receive a call when someone is in need of prayer. After saying a prayer for that intention, you will need to call the next person in line so the prayer continues to the very last person on the list. Please let us know if you are interested. Thank you.



**For Funeral and Sacramental emergencies ONLY, please contact 409-790-1445 or 409-527-0605.**

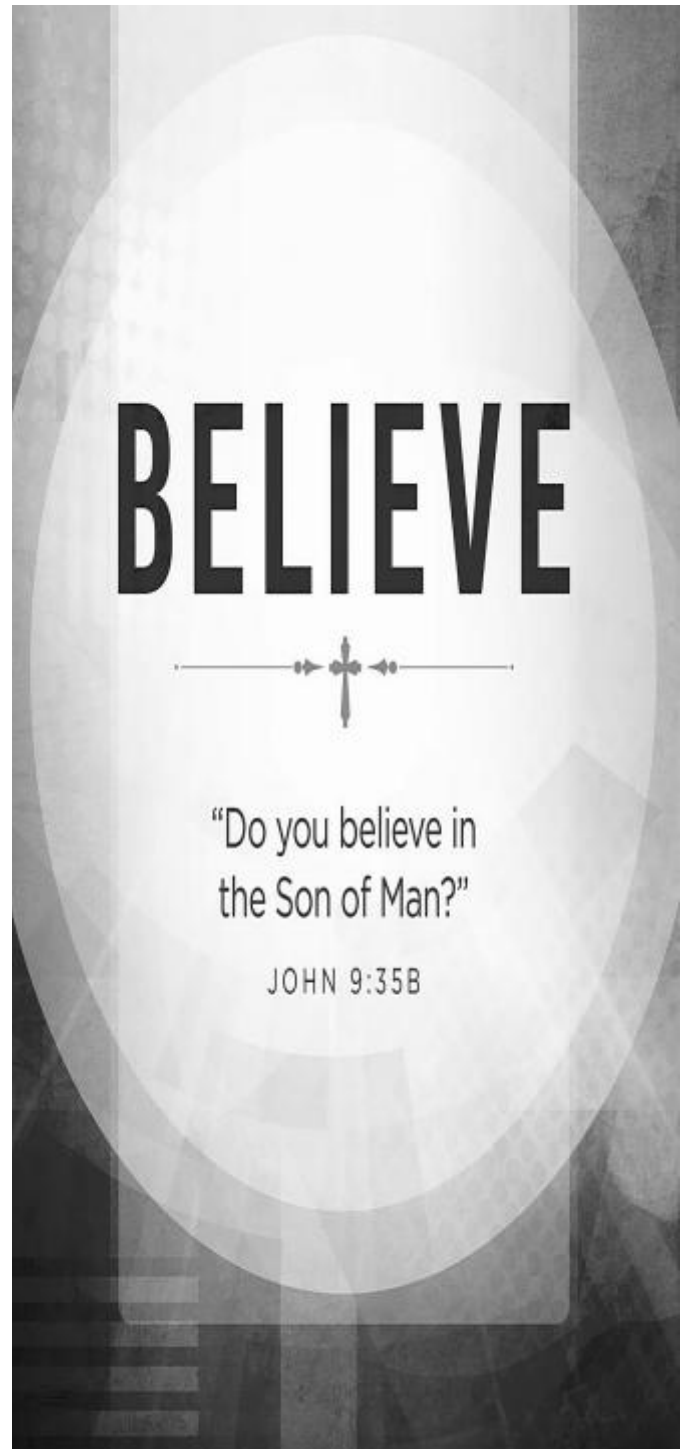
## Pray For the Sick

\*Mae Ella Alford \*Sandra Bertrand \*Lon Ray Bianco \*Janice Bivins \*Yvonne Duhon Brack \*Robert Coleman \*LeaAnn Cossey \*Willie Davis \*Mitchell Deshotel \*Samantha Diaz \*Linda Domingue \*Gaspard Family \*David Farson \*Jessie Judice \*Jeybeon Johnson \*Gary Kotz \*Liz Lavergne \*John McGee \*Regan Millican \*Jenny Olbrich \*Beth Rach \*Mary Richards \*Rocky Sewell \*Lucille Allen Smith \*Alzada Stansbury \*Peggy Swafford

**St. Mary** Parish Income Needed (Est.) ..... \$ 6,691.00  
 Weekly Sacrificial Offerings ..... \$ 2,826.00  
 For the Poor ..... \$ 741.00 \*  
 Total Income For Parish ..... \$ 2,826.00

**St. Martin** Parish Income Needed (Est.) ..... \$ 936.00  
 Weekly Sacrificial Offerings ..... \$ 874.00  
 For the Poor ..... \$ 227.00 \*  
 Total Income For Parish ..... \$ 874.00

\* Second Collections





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**Faith Formation Program**  
 Wed. Grades K-5, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
 Wed. Grades 6-8, 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.  
 Sun. Confirmation I & II, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



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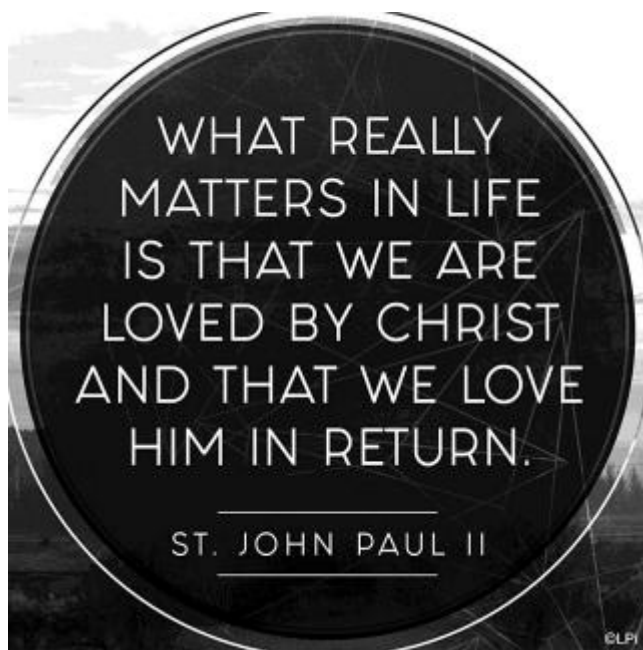
## Lenten Season

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** All Fridays during Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross at both churches. St. Mary's Stations will be held at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall and St. Martin's Stations will be held at 6:00 p.m. at St. Martin's church.

**KC FISH FRY:** The Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry each Friday during Lent at the back section of St. Mary's Parish Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.. Plates are \$9.00 which include fried/baked catfish, french fries, coleslaw and hush puppies. Drinks are sold separately. Service for the dinners will be by the side door of the Parish Hall ONLY.

## Lenten Mission

**Lenten Mission has been CANCELLED.**



## Please Help Us With Some House Cleaning

You can imagine the time it takes for a person to straighten the books in each pew before every Mass. Please take just a few moments to make sure the book holder in the pew you sit in during each Mass, looks neat. We appreciate very much everyone working together to keep our worship space in order. And a friendly reminder that no matter your age, it is never okay to chew gum or eat in church. Remember Mom and Dad, noisy toys occupy the baby but disturbs others prayer time.

## Communion Chalice

Due to the severe outbreak of flu in our area, St. Mary and St. Martin parishes will not have the shared chalice at communion for the next few weeks. We also recommend that at the welcome before mass and at the Sign of peace, that parishioners acknowledge one another in ways that avoid physical contact. Thank you for your understanding.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God's kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God's children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?




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