

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018



Weekday Readings March 12-16, 2018

Mon: Isaiah 65:17-21;
John 4:43-54
Tues: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12;
John 5:1-16
Wed: Isaiah 49:8-15;
John 5:17-30
Thurs: Exodus 32:7-14;
John 5:31-47
Fri: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22;
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-6;
Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10; Gospel: John 3:14-21

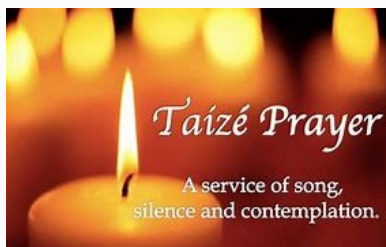
“Whoever lives the truth come to the light...”

As followers of Jesus we are called to live in the light. It is important to note that Nicodemus, a Pharisee, out of fear, comes to Jesus in the darkness of the night, rather than in the light of the day. However, Jesus, manifesting the light of God’s love, tells him: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” Jesus reminds Nicodemus and us that love has the power to transform the darkness of sin.

Free of fear, we are to witness our belief in Jesus by following him in the light of day; not by condemning or judging, but by revealing God’s goodness, forgiveness, mercy and compassion: “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” May our good works this Lent bring light to our world. As St. Paul tells us, it is our faith and the gift of God’s grace that saves us!

Lenten Taizé Prayer

Taizé is a very beautiful form of prayer using song, scripture and silence. Taizé prayer began in an ecumenical French monastery. Although Taizé prayer is used year around, it is especially appropriate and meaningful during Lent. We will be having an experience of Taizé Prayer **Tuesday evening, March 13, at 7:30 pm**. Please join us.



Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds, hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to you
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever. Amen.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

Friday Way of the Cross

We hope you join with us for prayer each Friday of Lent beginning at **5:00 pm**, as we share in the very meaningful tradition of the Way of the Cross.

Lenten Dinners

Our fifth Lenten Dinner will take place this Friday, March 16, at 6 pm. The donation is \$15/plate. All proceeds will support our Parish Building Fund. Please join us for a delicious meal and fellowship as we journey in faith as followers of Christ during the very blessed Lenten Season.

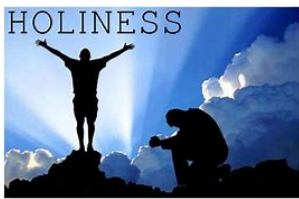
Our menu for Friday, March 16:

Sword fish, marinara w/chopped clams, romaine and mixed greens salad, and ciabatta rolls.

Eucharistic Adoration during Lent



You are invited each Wednesday during Lent to share in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please stop by anytime following the **7:00 am Mass until our 5:30 pm** final blessing. We invite you to consider offering an hour of prayer with our Lord. A sign up sheet is available on a clipboard at the entrance of the church. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available during Adoration from 4:00-5:00 pm.**



“Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.” —St. Augustine of Hippo

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This Lent on Wednesdays during Adoration from 4:00 - 5:00 pm, and Saturdays at 3:30 pm, in our small Reconciliation Room near the choir.

Hot Meal for the Homeless and Others

Our next hot meal for the homeless and others in need will be **Wednesday, March 21, at 11:30 am**. Please inform individuals that you might know, or would like to invite, that they are welcome!

Annual Ministry Appeal 2018 Weekly Update

FAITH, FAMILY, FUTURE

We thank all of you who have participated in the 2018 Appeal to support the various ministries of the Diocese as well as our own Parish Building Fund. With **82** individuals or families participating (**75% of our Participation Goal**), we have now received donations or pledges for **\$39,748 (79% of our Financial Goal)**. We have met our responsibility to assist with the diverse ministries of the Diocese this year. Please remember that our Parish Financial Goal is \$50,000, with the Participation Goal of at least 110 individuals or families. If we meet this goal, \$39,500 will then be added to our Building Fund. **It is not too late to make a donation or pledge to support the AMA. Envelopes continue to be available at the entrance of the church.**

2nd Collection Next Sunday 3/18/18

Parish Grounds and Building Maintenance

Offertory Report 3/4/2018

Plate \$2,693; 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services \$601; Building Fund \$440; Hope’s Pantry/Social Outreach \$70; Other: \$305; Total: \$4,109.

Mass Intentions March 10-16, 2018

Sat	4:30 pm	Faustino Mora - Health
Sun	9:00 am	First Communion children
Sun	11:15 am	Sick and homebound of the parish
Sun	5:00 pm	+Alfonso Martinez +Jose Martinez
Wed	7:00 am	Sick and homebound of the parish
Thu	7:00 am	Families of the parish
Fri	7:00 am	Children and youth of the parish

ANUNCIOS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español: Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm

Bautismos, Bodas, Quinceañeras:

Favor de hablar con Padre Dennis

Confesiones: Los sábados a las 3:30 pm y por cita.

Coro: Ensayos los domingos a las 4:15 pm

Acompáñenos Durante la Cuaresma:

Viacrucis bilingüe—Cada viernes a las 5:00 pm.

Cena Cuaresmal—Cada viernes a las 6:00 pm.

Adoración del Santísimo—cada miércoles de 7:30am a las 5:30 pm con la bendición final.

Confesiones—Cada miércoles a las 4:00 pm y sábados a las 3:30 pm.

Ayuno y abstinencia de carne—El Viernes Santo. Respetamos también la abstinencia de carne cada viernes de la cuaresma.

Favor de seguir nuestro calendario cuaresmal para mas información y eventos especiales.

Reporte de la Petición Anual para Ministerios

Les agradecemos a todos que han participado en la Petición Anual de la Diócesis, que ayuda también nuestra propia parroquia. Hasta hoy con la participación de **82** individuos o familias (**75% de nuestra meta de participación**), tenemos ahora donaciones o compromisos de **\$39,748 (79% de nuestra meta financiera)**. No es tarde para participar. Los sobres bilingües están disponibles cerca de los boletines a la entrada del templo. Ante mano, muchas gracias por su ayuda y apoyo de los ministerios de la Diócesis y la parroquia.

Youth Corner (John 3:14-21)

How many football games have we watched with John 3:16 lifted up on poster boards? To **believe** in Jesus means to **follow** Jesus. Eternal life comes with the cross—the love of Christ lived out in each of us!

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday through Friday 7 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday
9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

Pastoral Council:

Jeff Hawkins, *Chair*, Patrick Dowd, *Vice Chair*, Lori Jakubowski, *Secretary*, Tess Arthur, Concepción Jara, Alondra Klemek, Adele Margolis, Dede Woodhead

Faith Formation:

First Communion Year 1:
Lorena Cabrera, Esther Valdez
First Communion Year 2:
Christian Haun, Patricia Merrifield
RCIA / Adult Faith Formation: John Condon

Hope's Pantry: Lydia Newton • Wed 10 am–12 pm
Hope's Boutique: Deborah Kimes • Wed 10 am–12 pm
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Larry Carolan (4:30 pm & 9 am Mass)
Louis Lebherz, *Director*, Barney Hulse, *Piano* (11:15 am Mass)

Lectors: Dede Woodhead

Ministers of the Eucharist: Lorraine Ring

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