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LITURGIES

Sunday Masses

SATURDAY EVENING VIGILS

English 5:00PM & Spanish 6:30PM

SUNDAY MORNING

English 7:30AM & 9:30AM

Spanish 11:30AM

WEEKDAYS

M-F 9:00AM

Saturday 8AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

Of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 9:30AM-10:30PM

PRAYER LINE

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Contact Parish Office

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English: Dn. Phil Nelson

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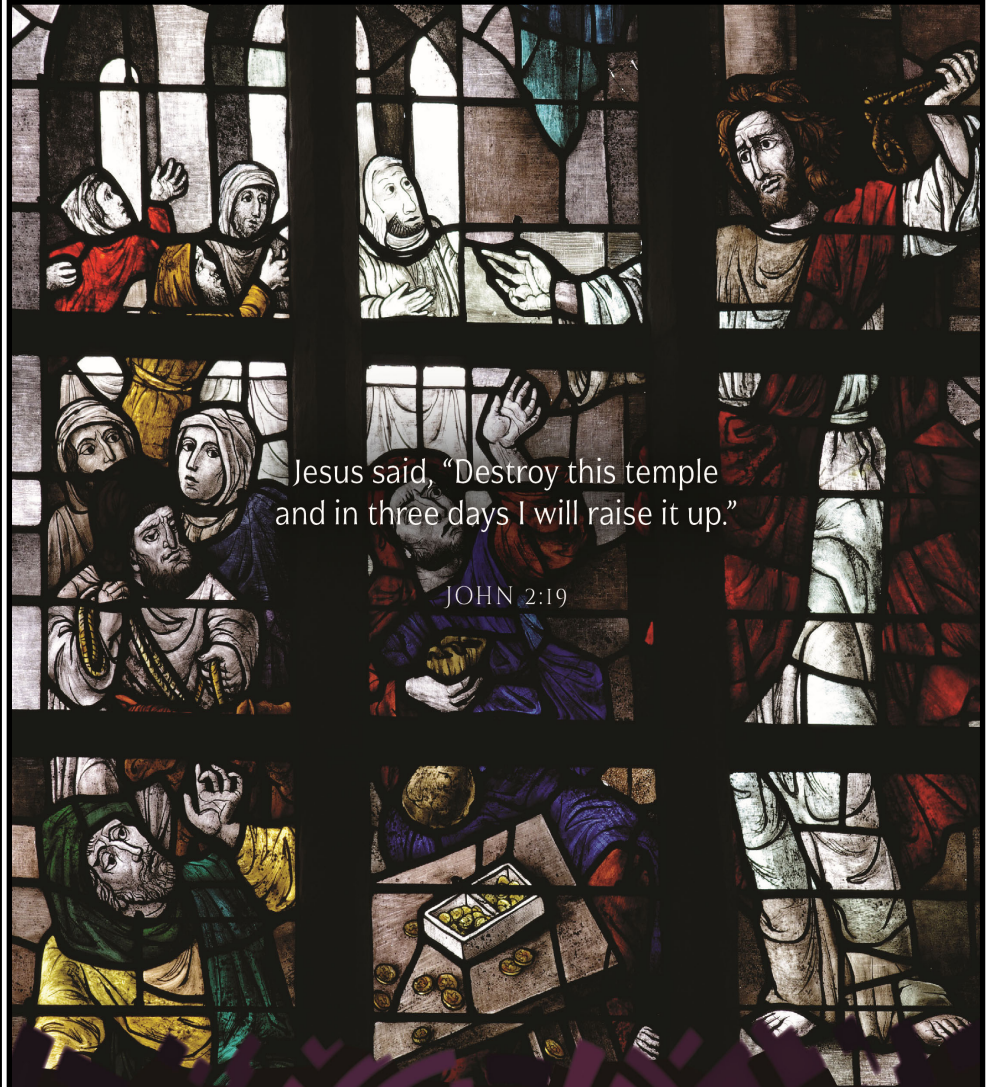
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PRIVATE PRAYER

Church open Mon-Sat

10AM-4PM



Jesus said, "Destroy this temple
and in three days I will raise it up."

JOHN 2:19

THIRD
SUNDAY OF
LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

FEAST OF FAITH

Postures of the Mass

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body.

FIESTA DE LA FE

El altar, símbolo de Cristo

Uno de los símbolos visibles al entrar a cualquier iglesia es el altar mismo. De hecho, en los años posteriores al Concilio Vaticano II, las nuevas construcciones tenían como centro al altar, y en torno a él, la asamblea. El altar es el símbolo de Cristo, del cordero inmolado; asimismo, es el lugar del sacrificio. A medida que en la Iglesia se fue desarrollando la teología eucarística desde la perspectiva del sacrificio, los altares fueron adquiriendo mayor importancia, dejando de ser soportes de madera y pasando a ser un elemento fijo, de una sola piedra, pues Cristo es la piedra angular. En razón de esta visión se comenzó a sepultar a los mártires bajo el altar, hasta que se llegó a la pequeña cavidad en la cual se depositaban las reliquias de los mártires. A partir del siglo XV aumentaron los símbolos de veneración al altar como símbolo de Cristo: el beso inicial, la incensación, la reverencia e inclusive, la postración el Viernes Santo. Altar y mesa. Comunión y sacrificio.

The Season of Lent



There will be no Soup Suppers On Fridays amid the coronavirus Outbreak

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturday 3:30 – 4:30PM and by appointment



No habrá cenas de sopa Los viernes en medio del Coronavirus Brote

El Sacramento de la Reconciliación estar disponible el sábado 3:30 – 4:30PM y con cita previa



ST PATRICK'S DINNER AND DANCE HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC



SAN PATRICIO CENA Y BAILE HA SIDO POSPUESTO DEBIDO A LA CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIA

REMINDERS

People more frequently require to be reminded than informed. —Samuel Johnson

RECORDATORIOS

Las personas prefieren más frecuentemente que se les recuerde a que se les informe. —Samuel Johnson

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalms — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
Monday: St. John of God
Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios entrega los mandamientos al pueblo por medio de Moisés (Éxodo 20:1-7 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) o Éxodo 17:3-7.

Salmo — Señor, tú tienes palabras de vida eterna (Salmo 19 [18]) o Salmo 95 (94).

Segunda lectura — Pablo proclama a Cristo crucificado; Cristo es el poder y la sabiduría de Dios (1 Corintios 1:22-25) o Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8.

Evangelio — Jesús echa a los mercaderes del templo y predice su resurrección (Juan 2:13-25) o Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 40-42].

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15b; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lc 4:24-30
Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23
Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14
Domingo: 2 Cr 36:14-16, 19-23; Sal 137 (136):1-6; Ef 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
 Lecturas alternativas (Año A):
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6;
 Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma;
 Primer Escrutinio
Lunes: San Juan de Dios
Martes: Santa Francisca Romana
Viernes: Abstinencia



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of,

Andrea Capsuto

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Amen.

Please keep Andrea and her family in your daily prayers

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

For pious Jews in first-century Palestine, the Mosaic Law prescribed the way every action in life is dedicated to God. Today's reading from Exodus tells how the Ten Commandments, the introduction to this larger legal code, is given to Israel as a gift from God.

In the Gospels Jesus is portrayed as a rabbi, or someone learned in the Law. A rabbi's learning ideally included both the precepts of the Law and its reverent contemplation as a divine gift, within which one could hear God's own voice.

This was the way rabbis through the centuries used the Law to adapt to changing circumstances. This seems to be what Jesus was doing with the moneychangers in the temple.

JESUS, THE LAW, THE JEWS—AND US

When Jesus accused the moneychangers of sacrilege and cleared them out of the temple, the onlookers asked for a sign of his authority to do such a thing. After all, wasn't it a sacrilege to purchase animals for sacrifice with pagan coins? Wasn't this how the Jews adapted to Roman rule? Jesus says nothing about that; he only knows that this commercial activity inside the temple was a sacrilege. Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus is criticized for not being strict enough with the Law, as when he ate with prostitutes and tax collectors, but here he is prescribing something stricter, something "more."

Jesus is doing something extraordinary, contrary to ordinary practice, prompting the onlookers to request a sign, evidence that God is acting here through Jesus. His insistence that the moneychangers depart, his clear vision regarding "my Father's house," and his cryptic reference to himself as a temple, are signs of his contemplative intimacy with his Father that is the source of his authority about the Law.

Catholics, like first-century Jews, have our regular means for living in God's presence. We have the liturgy, sacraments, devotions, and personal prayer. During Lent, we are asked to be a little stricter with ourselves, listening for God's own voice. If we do, we might discover that we, too, are being called to something "more."

Today's Readings: Ex 20:1–17 [1–3, 7–8, 12–17]; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22–25; Jn 2:13–25



7 de marzo de 2021

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

Para los judíos piadosos de la Palestina del siglo I, la Ley mosaica prescribía la forma en que cada acción de la vida se dedicaba a Dios. La lectura del libro del Éxodo nos dice cómo los Diez Mandamientos, la introducción a esta Ley amplia, se le da a Israel como un regalo por parte de Dios.

En los evangelios, Jesús es representado como un rabino, o alguien que estudió la Ley. El conocimiento de un rabino idealmente incluía tanto los preceptos de la Ley como su contemplación reverente como regalo de Dios, dentro de la cual uno podía escuchar la propia voz de Dios. Esta era la forma en que los rabinos a través de los siglos utilizaron la Ley para adaptarse a las circunstancias cambiantes. Esto parece ser lo que Jesús estaba haciendo con los cambistas en el Templo.

JESÚS, LA LEY, LOS JUDÍOS Y NOSOTROS

Cuando Jesús acusó a los cambistas de profanación y los sacó del Templo, los mirones preguntaron con qué autoridad hacía tal cosa. Después de todo, ¿qué no era un sacrilegio comprar animales para los sacrificios y pagar con monedas paganas? ¿No fue así como los judíos adoptaron el mandato romano? Jesús no dice nada acerca de eso, él sólo sabe que ese tipo de comercio dentro del Templo era un sacrilegio. En otras partes del Evangelio a Jesús se le critica por que no es lo suficiente estricto con la Ley, así como cuando come con prostitutas y recaudadores de impuestos, pero aquí está indicando algo "más".

Jesús está haciendo algo extraordinario, contrario a la práctica ordinaria, provocando a los mirones que pidan una señal, una evidencia de que Dios está obrando por medio de Jesús. Su insistencia para que los cambistas se vayan, su visión clara sobre "la casa de mi Padre" y su referencia enigmática a él mismo como un templo, son signos de su intimidad contemplativa con su Padre que es el origen de su autoridad sobre la Ley.

Los católicos, como los judíos del primer siglo, tienen nuestros medios habituales para vivir en la presencia de Dios. Nosotros tenemos la liturgia, los sacramentos, las devociones y la oración personal. Durante la Cuaresma, se nos pide que seamos un poco más estrictos con nosotros mismos, escuchando la propia voz de Dios. Si lo hacemos, podríamos descubrir que nosotros también estamos llamados a algo "más".

Lecturas de hoy: Ex 20:1–17 [1–3, 7–8, 12–17]; Sal 19 (18):8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22–25; Jn 2:13–25

BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR EASTER

Tuesday, March 15 Bulletin for March 28 issue is due
(Palm Sunday issue)

Tuesday, March 22 Bulletin for April 4 is due
(Easter issue)

DEADLINES DE BULLETIN PARA EASTER

Martes 15 de marzo El Boletín
para el 28 de marzo está previsto
(número del Domingo de Ramos)

Martes 22 de marzo Boletín para el 4 de abril está
previsto (número de Pascua)



I, the Lord, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides me.
— Exodus 20:2a, 3

Yo soy el Señor, tu Dios . . .
No tendrás otros dioses fuera de mí.
— Éxodo 20:2a, 3

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BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please submit your bulletin requests to the office or by email to bulletin@stacojai.org by 3:00PM Friday

GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN

Psalm 25:15 says,

"My eyes are ever fixed on the LORD."

That means we should follow and look to God for help.

To remind you of this, write your name on the blank.

Color the eyes the same as yours.

Color the rest of the certificate. Cut it out and hang it up.

_____ 'S
(your name)



are Fixed on
the Lord

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Third Sunday of Lent

Once when Jesus was in Jerusalem, he found animals being sold in the temple. He sent the sellers away because he wanted the temple to be his Father's house of prayer, not a store.

(You can read the story in your Bible at John 2:13-25.)

Look at both pictures.

Circle five extra things in the bottom one.



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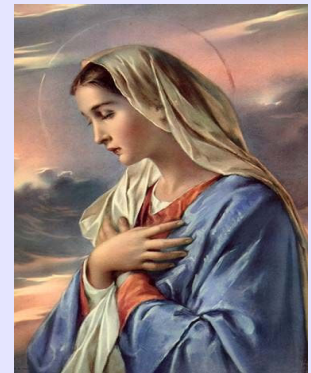
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DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Mar 06	5:00PM	Helen Gehrke †	By: Alex & Maria Doran
Sunday	Mar 07	9:30AM	Joan Davis †	By: Bereavement
Monday	Mar 08	9:00AM	Frank Coscarelli Sr †	By: Frank Coscarelli Jr
Tuesday	Mar 09	9:00AM	George Gerard †	By: Mary Kazmer
Wednesday	Mar 10	9:00AM	Mary Burright †	By: Bereavement
Thursday	Mar 11	9:00AM	Adeline Drew †	By: Bereavement
Friday	Mar 12	9:00AM	Woodrow Rimpa †	By: Connie Rimpa
Saturday	Mar 13	8:00AM	Fr Pascal Nocero †	By: Charles Coscarelli



DID YOU KNOW?

Helping children cope with grief

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many children are grieving — they may have lost family members, they are cut off from their friends and their routines, and their lives have changed significantly. Parents can help children work through their strong emotions by acknowledging their feelings and encouraging children to talk about them. Talk with them honestly and simply, helping them to answer any questions they might have about why this is happening, or what will happen next. Often, showing children that they are loved unconditionally can help them handle strong feelings of loss and sadness.

For more information, please visit,

<https://occatholic.com/talking-about-god-and-grief-with-children/>

¿LO SABIAS?

Ayudando a los niños a sobrellevar el dolor

Con la pandemia de COVID-19 en desarrollo en este momento, muchos niños están sufriendo: pueden haber perdido a miembros de su familia, están separados de sus amigos y sus rutinas, y sus vidas han cambiado significativamente. Los padres de familia pueden ayudar a los niños a superar sus emociones más intensas reconociendo sus sentimientos y alentando a los niños a hablar sobre ellos. Platique con ellos de manera honesta y sencilla, ayudándolos a responder cualquier pregunta que puedan tener sobre por qué está sucediendo esto o qué sucederá después. A menudo, mostrarles a los niños que son amados incondicionalmente puede ayudarlos a manejar fuertes sentimientos de pérdida y tristeza. Para obtener más información, visite <https://occatholic.com/talking-about-god-and-grief-with-children/>.

HEAVEN

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

—John Henry Newman

EL CIELO

No podemos ver el cielo por el momento, pero a su debido tiempo, así como la nieve se derrite y descubre lo que yacía debajo, esta creación visible se desvanecerá ante las más gloriosas maravillas que son su causa.

—John Henry Newman

St Thomas Aquinas Church

ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S PANTRY
Saturday, March 20, 2020

1st Thursday 9:30am to 10:30am Share the Harvest
 Pop up-Food share are the 2nd and 4th Monday 10:00am to 12:00pm
 3rd Saturday of each month, from 9:30am to 11:30am St Vincent de Paul's

We are very grateful for all the donations and for any money donated, which can be dropped off at the church office or put through the mail slot by the office door. Thank you to all who have helped and prayed for us in anyway.

The pantry is in much need of the following Items:
Canned foods: veggies, fruit, tuna, spam, chicken, ham...etc.
Paper towels, toilet paper, cereal of all kinds, pasta of all kinds, rice, beans, jam, jelly, peanut butter, crackers, soups. Baby products are also in need, Diapers of any size, Canned and non-perishable needed as well.

We need volunteers to help bag on "EVERY" Friday at 2:30PM before and help distribute on Saturday 9:30 AM.

Monies donations: Please make checks out to: "ST VINCENT DE PAULS" and place it in a CLEARLY MARKED ENVELOPE and drop off your envelope at the church office.

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