ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Served by the Augustinian's
Pastor Father Tom Verber O.S.A.
Associate Pastor Father Fernando Lopez O.S.A. and Deacon Phil Nelson
In Residence: Father Bill Ryan O.S.A., retired and Rev. Alvin Paligutan O.S.A.

LITURGIES

Saturday
8:00AM Daily Mass

Vigils
5:00PM English & 7:30PM Spanish

Sunday
7:30AM & 9:30AM English
11:30AM Spanish

Weekdays
M-F 9:00AM Parish
Villanova 7:00AM

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

stephenpbarrack@gmail.com

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30-4:30PM or
by appointment 646-4338 X105

ROSARIES

Wednesday 6:15PM ~ Spanish
Friday 9:30AM ~ Cenacles of Life
Sunday 7:00AM

ADORER CHAPEL HOURS

Thursday Morning through
Saturday Morning

PRAYER LINE

805-276-3799 or deaconphil@stacojai.org

WEDDINGS

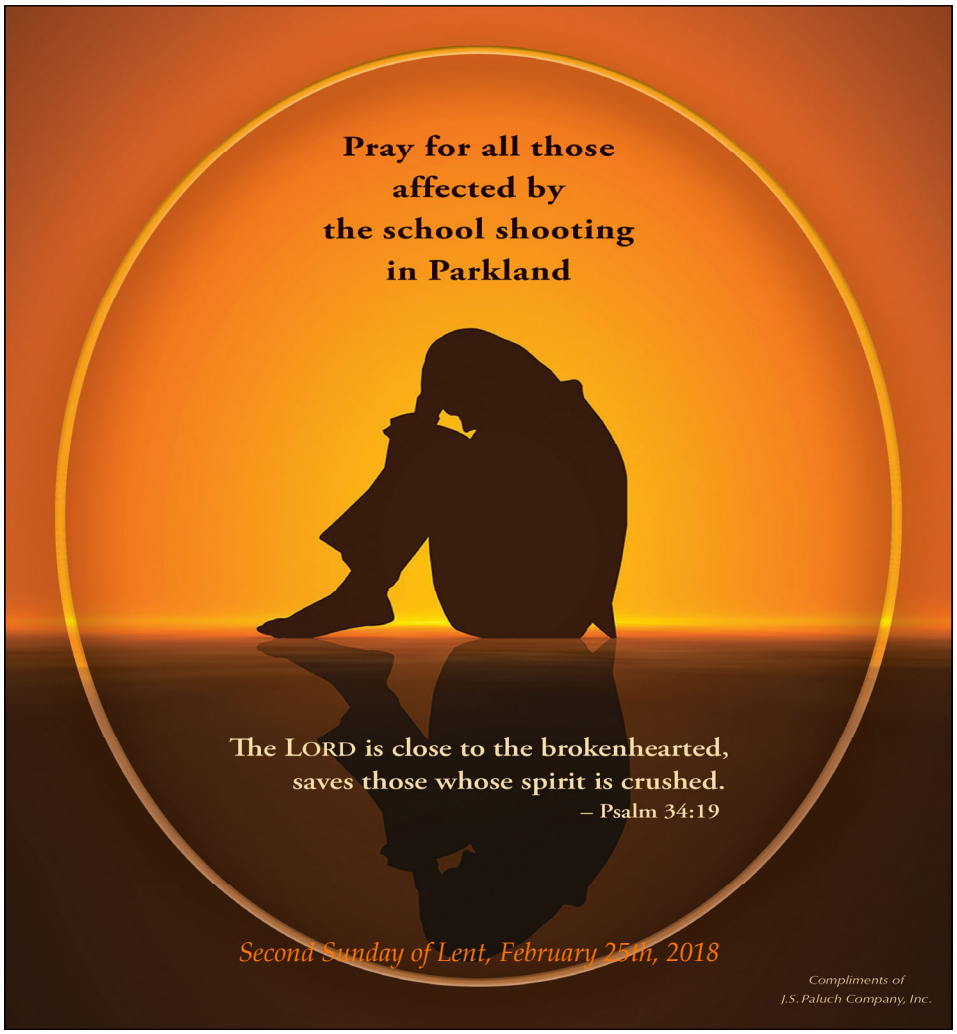
Call for appointment with the Pastor

BAPTISMS

(Call for appointment)
Spanish-Father Fernando
English-Deacon Phil

FUNERALS

Please call 646-4338 X101



Let Us Pray to the Lord

- For those affected by the school shooting in Parkland: all those who died, those who were injured, and those who mourn.
- For the grace to turn to God, giver of lie and source of truth.
- For the grace to be living signs of God's healing and consolation.
- For the grace to turn human hearts away from violence and retribution.

Oremos al Señor

- Por todas las personas afectadas por el ataque a la escuela de Parkland; por quienes murieron, por los heridos y por los que sufren la pérdida de un ser querido
- Por la gracia para regresar a Dios, dador de la vida y origen de la verdad
- Por la gracia ser signos vivos del consuelo y sanación de Dios
- Por la gracia de alejar el corazón humano de la violencia y la venganza.

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
Abraham offers the ultimate sacrifice of thanksgiving the gift of his very son. This sacrifice prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus who died for us all. In his transfiguration Jesus discloses a suffering messiahship.

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Imitate the love of the Father who is full of compassion and forgiveness.

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
If you wish to be upright in the sight of the Lord, "learn to do good" and "make justice your aim".

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Jeremiah prays for deliverance. Jesus prays that he might accept the cup from which he must drink.

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Selfishness and unbelief lead to death while those who delight in God's law bear fruit and inherit life.

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Joseph/s brothers plot his death. The enemies of Jesus conspire to have him arrested.

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
The forgiving father hopes that his love will be imitated. He mirrors God's unfailing mercy, pardon and grace.

Sunday: The 3rd Sunday of Lent
Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]
The law liberates and leads us to freedom. It is to be trusted for it is a source of wisdom. Jesus speaks of the ultimate freedom to be won for us by his being raised up. He is the sign of the power and wisdom of God.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Friday: Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31b

Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38

Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31

Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

Domingo: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Sal 19 (18):8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Lecturas alternativas (Año A): Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura El sacrificio de nuestro patriarca Abraham (Génesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18).

Salmo Caminaré en presencia del Señor, en el país de la vida (Salmo 116 [115]).

Segunda lectura Dios nos entregó a su propio Hijo (Romanos 8: 31-34).

Evangelio Este es mi Hijo amado (Marcos 9: 2-10).
Salmo responsorial: Leccionario Hispanoamericano

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma; Rito Penitencial

Miércoles: Purim (celebración judía) comienza al atardecer

Viernes: Abstinencia; Primer viernes; Día Mundial de Oración

Sábado: Santa Katharine Drexel; Primer sábado

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Regresando a los tres pilares de la conversión, el ayuno es mucho más que el simple hecho de no comer, es aprender a negarme a mí mismo para que ya no sea yo quien vivo, sino Cristo que vive en mí. Es el negarme de ciertas cosas para dar vida a los demás.

El ayudar es poner en práctica la caridad y la justicia social. Es buscar el cargar con nuestra propia cruz y ayudar a los demás con la de ellos. En otras palabras, es practicar la misma generosidad de Dios quien hace caer la lluvia sobre los buenos y los malos, es amar sin distinción de personas.

Contemporáneamente, el orar es entrar en conversación con Dios, es recogerse para entrar en la presencia de Dios, con todo lo que uno es y todo lo que uno tiene, poniendo todo en las manos misericordiosas del Padre que nos ama.

Esta Cuaresma procuremos hacer lo que debemos hacer todo el año: ayunar, ayudar y orar. Es difícil, pero no nos desanimemos porque el Espíritu Santo viene a nuestro alcance porque donde somos más débiles, Cristo es nuestra fuerza.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMERS

The Pastoral Council is seeking new members. This group is not a governing board, but rather an advisory council and a source of wisdom and guidance for our pastor. The members represent the interests and needs of the entire parish community and work together with the pastor to do what is best for the parish.

Qualifications include:

- Being baptized
- Practicing Catholics
- Are active participants in our parish

Ideal candidates should be:

- Willing to listen
- Speak honestly
- Be flexible and open minded

This committee meets quarterly (four times per year) for approximately one and half hours...

If you or anyone you know has a desire to serve or would like additional information, please contact Fr. Tom or any of the current pastoral council members (their names and photos are in vestibule of the church along with "Nomination Forms" - both English and Spanish.

Deadline for nominations is Sunday, March 11.

Thank you,
Dick Sebek

NOMINACIONES PARA NUEVO MIEMBROS DEL CONSEJO PARROQUIAL

El Consejo Pastoral está buscando nuevos miembros. Este grupo no es una junta directiva, sino un consejo asesor y una fuente de sabiduría y guía para nuestro pastor. Los miembros representan el intereses y necesidades de toda la comunidad parroquial y trabaje junto con el pastor para hacer lo mejor para la parroquia

Las calificaciones incluyen:

- Ser bautizado
- Católicos practicantes
- Son participantes activos en nuestra parroquia

los candidatos ideales deben ser:

- Dispuesto a escuchar
- Habla honestamente
- Sea flexible y de mente abierta.

Este comité se reúne trimestralmente (cuatro veces por año) durante aproximadamente una hora y media...

Si usted o alguien que conoce tiene el deseo de servir o desea información adicional, contáctese con el Padre. Tom o cualquiera de los actuals miembros del consejo pastoral (sus nombres y fotos están en el vestíbulo de la iglesia junto con "Formularios de nominación", ambos en inglés y español).

La fecha límite para las nominaciones es el domingo 11 de marzo.

Gracias,
Dick Sebek

PARISH FESTIVAL
SAVE THE DATES of MAY 5th & 6th

Our annual Parish Festival will be a weekend community event! We will need:

- **Volunteers**
- **Plants**
- **Auction Items**
- **Books**
- **Rummage Sale Items**

Contact Marti Reid with questions or ideas to make it even more fun 805-798-2888 or reidmarti4@gmail.com

NEXT FESTIVAL MEETING

After the Soup Supper on FRIDAY, MARCH 9th

TO ALL BUSINESS OWNERS:

If you would like to have the name of your business prominently displayed at the Festival this year please call Franceen Fallet 646-5848 about becoming a SPONSOR.

FESTIVAL PARROQUIAL
GUARDAR LAS FECHAS del 5 y 6 de mayo

¡Nuestro Festival Parroquial anual será un evento comunitario de fin de semana! Necesitaremos:

- **Voluntarios**
- **Plantas**
- **Artículos de subasta**
- **Libros**
- **Artículos de venta de artículos usados**

Póngase en contacto con Marti Reid con preguntas o ideas para hacerlo aún más divertido 805-798-2888 o reidmarti4@gmail.com

PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN DEL FESTIVAL

Después de la cena de sopa el VIERNES, 9 de MARZO

A TODOS LOS PROPIETARIOS DE NEGOCIOS:

Si desea que el nombre de su empresa se muestre de forma destacada en el Festival este año, por favor llame Franceen Fallet 646-5848 acerca de convertirse en un PATROCINADOR

Sun:	2-25	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	
		7:00AM	Rosary
		8:30AM	Religious Education
		10:30AM	RCIA
		4-6:00PM	Confirmation
		4:00PM	Vocation Discernment
Mon:	2-26	3-4:30PM	Lenten Lectionary Bible Study
		7-8:30PM	Bible Study
Tue:	2-27	6:00PM	HOMELESS SHELTER
		7-8:30PM	English Class
		7:00PM	Choir
		7:00PM	RCIA
Wed:	2-28		FAMILY TO FAMILY
		3:30PM	Religious Education
		6:00PM	Religious Education-Sp
		6:15PM	Rosary-Sp
		6:30PM	Guadlupano
Thurs:	3-1		Adoration
		9:00AM	SHARE THE HARVEST
		7:00PM	Choir
		7-8:30PM	English Class
		7-9:00PM	Youth Group
Fri:	3-2		Adoration
		9:30AM	Rosary
		5:00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
		6:00PM	SOUP SUPPER
		7:00PM	STATIONS-SP
Sat:	3-3		Adoration
		3:30-4:30PM	Reconciliation
Sun:	3-4	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	
		7:00AM	Rosary
		8:30AM	Religious Education
		10:30AM	RCIA
		4-6:00PM	Confirmation

Dom:	2-25	2 DOMINGO DE CUARESMA	
		7:00AM	Rosario
		8:30AM	Educación religiosa
		10:30AM	RCIA
		4-6:00PM	Confirmación
		4:00PM	Discreción vocacional
Lun:	2-26	3-4:30PM	Leccionario de Cuaresma Estudio Bíblico
		7-8:30PM	Estudio Bíblico
Mart:	2-27	6:00PM	REFUGIO PARA INDIGENTES
		7-8:30PM	Clase de inglés
		7:00PM	Coro
		7:00PM	RCIA
Mié:	2-28		FAMILIA Y FAMILIA
		3:30PM	Educación religiosa
		6:00PM	Educación religiosa
		6:15PM	Rosary-Sp
		6:30PM	Guadlupano
Jue:	3-1		Adoración
		9:00AM	COMPARTE LA COSECHA
		7:00PM	Coro
		7-8: 30PM	Clase de inglés
		7-9: 00PM	Grupo de jóvenes
Vie:	3-2		Adoración
		9:30AM	Rosario
		5:00PM	ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ
		6:00PM	SUPERA DE SOPA
		7:00PM	ESTACIONES-SP
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		10:30AM	RCIA
		4-6: 00PM	Confirmación

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	February 25	9:30AM	Al Gonelli †	By:	Bereavement
Monday	February 26	9:00AM	Frank Coscarelli Sr. †	By:	Chuck Coscarelli
Tuesday	February 27	9:00AM	Maria Studer †	By:	Ministers to the Sick
Wednesday	February 28	9:00AM	Gordon Kurzweil †	By:	Virginia McCarthya
Thursday	March 1	9:00AM	Trina Soares †	By:	Bob & Punky Soares
Friday	March 2	9:00AM	Marie Coscarelli & Frank Coscarelli Sr.	By:	Chuck Coscarelli
Saturday	March 3	8:00AM	Conny Kurtenbach †	By:	Dick & Kathy Sebek
		5:00PM	Laura Heath †	By:	The Lagos Family

FRIDAY NIGHTS OF LENT
(not on Good Friday)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS-English 5:00PM
SOUP SUPPER 6:00PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS-Spanish 7:00PM

SOUP SUPPER THANK YOU to:
Hispanic Choir for the Second Soup Supper!

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2018 GOAL $34,615.00
Lets fill up the thermomator on page 7, Meet our Goal!
Thank you for prayfully planning your contribution.

FESTIVAL MEETING
FRIDAY MARCH 9
Immediately following the Soup Supper

RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM
Weekend Retreat March 9-11
Call for info/registration 909-900-5465

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

Thursday March 15 (Youth Day)
Friday March 16 through Sunday March 18

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER & DANCE

SATURDAY MARCH 17TH see page 7

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH 7:00PM
Priests in both languages will be available for this service.

VILLANOVA SPRING MUSICAL

Thursday March 22nd through Sunday March 25th

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY * March 25th

HOLY THURSDAY * March 29th

GOOD FRIDAY * March 30th

HOLY SATURDAY * March 31st

EASTER SUNDAY * April 1st

VIERNES NOCHES DE CUARESMA
(no en Viernes Santo)

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ-Inglés 5:00 PM
SOPA DE SOPA 6:00 PM
ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ-español 7:00 PM

SOPA SOPA GRACIAS a:
¡Coro hispano para la segunda cena de sopa!

Marlene Lattimer 640-0403

LA PLANIFICACIÓN FESTIVAL ESTÁ EN CURSO

JUNTOS EN LA MISIÓN
Cualquier compromiso y contribución sin importar cuán pequeño ayudar a nuestra Parroquia a alcanzar nuestra Meta. Gracias por planear con oración su contribución.
META PARROQUIAL 2018 $ 34,615.00

PROGRAMA RETROUVAILLE
Retiro de fin de semana del 9 al 11 de marzo
Convocatoria de información / registro 909-900-5465

CONGRESO DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA
Jueves 15 de marzo (Día de la Juventud)
Viernes 16 de marzo hasta el domingo 18 de marzo

ST. PATRICK'S CENA Y DANZA
SÁBADO 17 DE MARZO

Un evento que no debe perderse! ¡Una noche de diversión familiar de buena comida, música y Balarney! Ver página 7

SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA COMUNITARIA
MARTES, 20 DE MARZO 7:00 PM

Los sacerdotes en ambos idiomas estarán disponibles para este servicio.

VILLANOVA PRIMAVERA MUSICAL

Del jueves 22 de marzo al domingo 25 de marzo

PALM DOMINGO * 25 de marzo

SANTO JUEVES * 29 de marzo

BUEN VIERNES * 30 de marzo

SÁBADO SANTO * 31 de marzo

DOMINGO DE PASCUA * 1 de abril

DID YOU KNOW?

Thousands of children play games online with their friends and other gamers, but these forums are ripe with bullying, which can have serious negative effects on bullying victims. Cyber bullying can often be particularly cruel, since the bully targets victims from behind a keyboard, and his or her identity may remain hidden. Always be aware of what games your children are playing, and whom they are connecting with online. Talk to them about cyber bullying and what to do if someone is targeting them. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Preventing Cyber Bullying in Online Gaming, Part 2" visit www.archla.org/protecting.

¿SABÍA USTED?

. Miles de niños juegan en línea con sus amigos y otros jugadores, pero estos foros están llenos de acoso o bullying, lo que puede tener graves efectos negativos en las víctimas de acoso. El acoso cibernético a menudo puede ser particularmente cruel, ya que el acosador se dirige a las víctimas desde detrás de un teclado y su identidad puede permanecer oculta. Siempre tenga en cuenta qué juegos juegan sus hijos y con quién se conectan en línea. Hábleles sobre el acoso cibernético y qué hacer si alguien se dirige a ellos. Para obtener una copia del artículo completo de VIRTUS® "Preventing Cyber Bullying in Online Gaming, Part 2" (Previniendo el acoso cibernético en juegos en línea, Parte 2", visite www.archla.org/protecting.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT ~HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

More information is available.
Please call Brian Campos at 646-4338 ext 102 or brianc@stacojai.org

CONFIRMACIÓN ~ SE NECESITAN FAMILIAS DE HOSPEDAJE

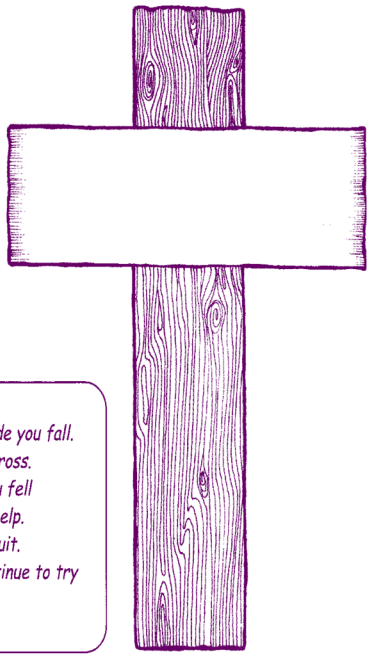
Más información está disponible.
Por favor llame a Brian Campos al 646-4338 ext 102 o brianc@stacojai.org

CARRYING THE CROSS

It was just about a mile from Pilate's court to Calvary, the place where Jesus died. But Jesus had to walk that mile carrying his own cross and it was very heavy. Jesus fell three times along the road to his crucifixion. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a good way to remember that sorrowful journey. The next time you are in church notice the stations in your parish. Stations three, seven, and nine remind us that Jesus fell. They also remind us that after each fall he got up again and continued to carry his cross.

We have crosses to carry, too. Your cross might be sickness or difficulty understanding schoolwork or being separated from people you love. Many things can make it hard to keep going. The cross can be so heavy it makes you want to give up and stop trying. On the cross on this page write one thing that makes your life hard. When you want to give up, remember Jesus and pick up your cross as he did. Even though it is hard, continue to live your life trying to be the best person you can be.

Cut out the cross and put it somewhere you can see it. Ask Jesus to help you carry your cross. You can say this prayer or one of your own.



Dear Jesus,
Your cross was so heavy that it made you fall.
Walk with me as I carry my cross.
Remind me that each time you fell
you got up again with God's help.
Pick me up when I want to quit.
Help me remember that I must continue to try
just as you did.
Amen.

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LENT WITH BISHOP BARRON		WORDONFIRE.ORG

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SATURDAY

MARCH 17TH

Tickets will be sold soon after Masses and in the office. Bring all your family and friends, buy a table!

Great food, corned beef and cabbage,
Live Band, there will be dancing!

Cold beverages and Adult Beverages too!

In advance of another fun evening,
THANK YOU TONY CUNNINGHAM and his marvelous crew!!!!

SÁBADO

17 DE MARZO

Los boletos se venderán poco después de Misas y en la oficina. Trae a todos tus familiares y amigos, ¡compra una mesa!

Buena comida, carne en conserva y repollo,
Live Band, ¡habrá baile!

Bebidas frías y bebidas para adultos también!
Antes de otra noche divertida,
GRACIAS TONY CUNNINGHAM y su maravilloso equipo !!!!