

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT 2022

By now, we have reached the halfway stage of Lent. We usually start with great enthusiasm; we want to enter generously into this season of Penance and Renewal. The great crowds who come for the Ashes on Ash Wednesday encourage us, and we hope that this particular year will be a genuine renewal of our Church and parish. We priests are delighted when many come for the sacrament of Penance and are busy right up to the time for evening Mass on Saturdays. Yet we fall off easily, we forget about fasting, and we ease off on our excellent resolutions. Let us not be surprised!

The Gospel of the first Sunday recalls the temptations of Jesus. He was able to resist the wiles of the evil one, but we are not so strong and grounded in the word of God to overcome our weakness and the attacks of the devil.

On the second Sunday, we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. We are encouraged, as He was, by the presence of Moses and Elijah, to persevere despite our weakness. We also hear the voice of God, our Father, encouraging us to "Listen to His beloved Son," who is our Savior and the Savior of the world.

Today's Gospel sounds like Jesus had read the local newspaper or had seen the news on television of some tragic events like the 18 people who were killed when the tower fell on them at Siloam. The other sad incident mentioned by Jesus – Pilate murdering a group of Galileans as they were offering sacrifices in the temple – reminds us of the violence in Ukraine and the fear of a nuclear war hanging over our world.

We are at a safe distance from these events, and we are happy to make some minor sacrifices to end that conflict, like paying a higher price for our gas. We willingly pray for the end of the war and the poor people suffering greatly. Death and destruction are very close to them. Yet we too cannot forget the severe problems in our own country, violence, racism, political divisions, homelessness etc. We too must repent; we too have plenty of issues we need to face and to change our ways of thinking and of acting. We, too, in the Church, are often like the Gospel fig tree that doesn't produce fruit; we need to dig around our own lives, fertilize them with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to produce good fruit hopefully. Even as we grow old, we need to deeply scrutinize our lives as our catechumens are doing at this time in the R.C.I.A. (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Renewal and repentance are a regular part of our Christian growth for all of us, young and old. Let us not fail to respond to the Lord's invitation this year and this Lent.

Happy rest of Lent to you all.

~ Fr. David Costello, O.C.D.



"Finding Healing in the Heart of God"

Led by:
Fr. Thomas Reeves, O.C.D.
Monday to Wednesday
March 21-23
7PM in the Church

The mission consists of Mass with a sermon.



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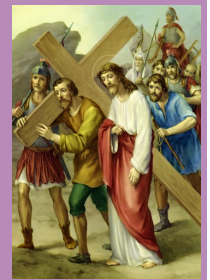
**Hosted by: Knights of Columbus #14139
Fr. Bach ~ Bro. Angel de Santa Cruz**

Stations of the Cross

You are invited to join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm in the church.

Villa crucis

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We strive to be a vibrant, welcoming and faith-filled community inviting all of our parishioners, our school families and our community to join us at our **Annual Parish Fiesta on May 14th and May 15th!** This is a wonderful way to bring our community together in a peaceful, fun, and spirited manner. All of this is accomplished with your help and generosity. In order to accomplish our fundraising goal, we ask if you could help by donating items. Items that are needed:

- 400-3 SECTION FOAM PLATES
- 300-PAPER PLATES
- 500-16OZ SOLO CUPS
- 300-12OZ FOAM CUPS
- 300-FOAM BOWLS OR BOATS FOR NACHOS
- 100 ROLLS OF PAPER TOWELS
- 1000 COUNT OF NAPKINS
- 2 BOXES OF FORKS
- 5 TO 6 BOXES OF FOIL SHEETS
- 4 BOXES OF EXTRA LARGE TRASH BAGS
- 5 BOXES OF PLASTIC GLOVES
- 10 SMALL INDIVIDUAL HAND SOAP

Your support is greatly appreciated by coming together, we'll ensure another successful fiesta. Please turn in your donated items to the parish office. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Fiesta De La Familia Nana's Cottage is collecting slightly used house hold items and clothing. If you would like to donate please call Yolanda Hernandez 440-3615 after 4:00 pm for pick up and any questions.



LEGION OF MARY

You are invited to the Legion of Mary Group that meets every Monday at Capilla de Guadalupe at 4:00pm. For more information call Martha Flores (520) 704-5047.

LEGION DE MARIA

Estás invitado a las juntas del Grupo Legión de María, todos los lunes en la Capilla de Guadalupe a las 4:00pm. Para más información llame a Martha Flores al (520) 704-5047.

Grupo Guadalupano

El Grupo Guadalupano tendrá DASAYUNO este domingo, 20 de marzo de 6:30am a 12 de a medio día en el Salón Carmelita. Los invitamos a que nos acompañen. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Santa Cruz Guadalupano Group

The Guadalupano Group is having BREAKFAST this Sunday, March 20th in the Carmelite Hall. We invite you to join us. All are welcome!

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger
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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor:

Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.

In Residence:

Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

Saturday, March 19th

8:00am NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH
5:30pm Joseph Valerio/R.I.P.

Sunday, March 20th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00am LaRhonda Goatson/R.I.P.
10:00am Rosemary Hernandez/R.I.P.
12:00pm Dolores Bonillas Gomez & Julie Bonillas Aragon/R.I.P.
6:00pm Marcella & Gabriel Zepp/R.I.P.

Monday, March 21st

Nick Uzenski, Matt Ingham & Jamie Lowe/K.I.A./R.I.P.
8:00am Jose Pedro Molina/Improved Health
7:00pm LaRhonda Goatson/R.I.P.

Tuesday, March 22nd

Nick Uzenski, Matt Ingham & Jamie Lowe/K.I.A./R.I.P.
8:00am Delma Huggins/R.I.P.
7:00pm LaRhonda Goatson/R.I.P.

Wednesday, March 23rd

LaRhonda Goatson/R.I.P.
8:00am In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/ Int. Nieves Ortiz & Family
7:00pm AnaLia Glenn/Happy Birthday

Thursday, March 24th

Jesus Alfredo Franco/R.I.P.
8:00am LaRhonda Goatson/R.I.P.
7:00pm Cynthia Allen/Improved Health

Friday, March 25th

Lucy Contreras/R.I.P.
8:00am LaRhonda Goatson/R.I.P.
7:00pm Irma Ochoa/Improved Health

Parish Collection March 13th, 2022

Collection: \$ 4,917.16

Thanking You for Your Service to Our Parish

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

*Please note that the 12 noon Mass is following full COVID protocols:

social distancing, masks required and distancing in pews

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, *12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

Parish Administrative Assistant: Hada Reyes (520) 623-3833

Religious Education: Martin Doe, Director (520) 882-9687

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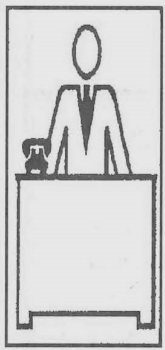
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