


FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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LENT

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 11, 2024

11:30A.M.

†Julia Cuevas

Eric Zuniga

Dennis Ramos (Healing)

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

****NO MASS****

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

11:30A.M.

†Henrie A. Ortiz

Jose Zuniga

Thursday, March 14, 2024

11:30A.M.

†Abelardo Vallejo

Austin Fall

Friday, March 15, 2024

11:30A.M.

†Ed Miller

Ryan Herring

Saturday, March 16, 2024

President: Fr. George George

5:00P.M.

Joshua Synder

Living & Deceased Family Members

of the †Doyce Howard Younts

Our Military Troops & Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 17, 2024

President: Fr. Alex Pereira

7:30 A.M.

†Abelardo Vallejo

President: Fr. Alex Pereira

9:00 A.M.

Living & Deceased Family

Members of the De La Torre

President: Fr. George George

11:00 A.M.

†Al Bueché

Lauren Truitt

I Attended Mass With My Family

Grade: _____

First/Last Name: _____

Note: This Box is for Religious Education purposes.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord, in your loving mercy, please

send the Holy Spirit with the Gift of Healing upon these servants who are in need of strength, guidance and mercy...

Amos, Tatum

Autenrieth, Robert

Battan, Donald

Boyle, Philip J.

Cantu, Norma

Cochrane, Matthew

Contreras, Xavier

Carrasco, Jacob

Corbett, Pocahontas

Dunk, Marylen

Estrada, Cindy

Estrada, Crystal

Estrada, Frank Sr.

Estrada, Jesus

Gallos, Herlinda

Garza, Guadalupe

Gomez, John C.

Gonzalez, Elizabeth

Gonzalez, Presilla

Gumataotao, Enrique

Guzman, Troy

Hernandez, Josie

Hernandez, Rodolfo

Hernandez, Samantha

Hughes, Gen

Jimenez, Margarita

Jonson, John

Kalayjian, Wendell

Kenyon, Maria

Leon Guerrero, Ida

Llanas-Berber, Gloria

Lopez, Dolores

Lopez, Martin G.

Loza Galvan, Alfredo

Loza, Blanquita

Lozano, Donna

Medenwald-Basurto,

Daniela

Morales, Celia

Ortiz, Eddie

Pallium, Joe

Reyes, Ana

Ramos, Dennis

Rodriguez, Jaime

Rudd, Gigi

Skinner, James

Salazar, Daniel

Torred, Edgar

Torrens, Margaret

Travassos, Alex

Villagomez, Joshua

Wood, Alicia A.

Second Collection

Our second collection the weekend of **March 16 & 17, 2024** is for **Missions of Mercy**.



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In Loving Memory of our son

Hector R. Orozco, Jr.

H & B Orozco & family

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, March 11, 2024

6:30P.M.

CDA Rosary, meeting will follow- Scott Room

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting, 3rd Degree Officer Meeting will follow-Parma Room

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

1:30P.M.

Centering Prayer Meeting (All Are Welcome) -Jupe Room

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

NO Religious Education Sessions

9:30P.M.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting- Scott Room

2:00P.M.

Rosary Makers Meeting-Vizzone Conference Room

2:00P.M.-3:00P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:30P.M.

Adult RCIA -Scott Room

Friday, March 15, 2024

4:00P.M.-6:30P.M.

Knights Fish Fry- Family Center

7:00P.M.

Stations of the Cross-In the Church



Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:45A.M -9:30A.M.

Missions of Mercy preparing sack lunches for the Poor-Parma Room

4:00P.M.-4:45P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation- Bride's Room

Sunday, March 17, 2024

10:00A.M.

High School Youth Session-Popes' Room

6:30P.M.

Pro Life Rosary -Chapel

The Sanctuary Light in the Chapel the week of Saturday, March 9 through Friday, March 15 is lit in loving memory of †**Gabriel Matias Martinez Reyes**

Requested by Family



**ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH
2024 LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Stations of the Cross Every Friday through March 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

March 15	Altar Guild	Pope Francis
March 22	Missions of Mercy	St. John Paul II
March 29	Retreat Ministries	Walk of Mercy



Fish Fry dates: The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Lenten Fish Fry in the Family Center from **4:00 pm to 6:30 pm** the following Friday's **March 15, 22, 2024**. Let

the men do the cooking and come enjoy a scrumptious fish dinner. Meals are \$10.00 a plate, and include fried catfish or baked salmon, French fries or baked potato, coleslaw, hush-puppies, condiments and beverages.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday March 23 & 24 Regular Mass Schedule.

TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper March 28th 6:30p.m.

Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion March 29th at 3:00p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 7:00p.m.

Easter Vigil March 30th 6:00 p.m. in the Church

Easter Sunday March 31 Regular Mass Schedule

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Congratulations on your Confirmation!

It is our prayer that the Holy Spirit will watch over you and guide you as confirmand's for your commitment to Him. We pledge to stand by you and to be there for you with our support and prayers. May the faith that has brought you to this blessed day keep you in His will for your life. May God be with you and bless you as you continue to grow in Him.



- Alexander Acosta
- Nicholas Alonso
- Analucia Butron
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- Mariah Sevilla
- James J. Sorce
- Anahi Torres
- Christian Villanueva
- Louis Zavala

Heartfelt THANKS

Thank you to those who attended the Book Study "Unforgettable Women of the Gospels". Special thanks to the Family life committee who helped with the small group discussion and hospitality. We learned from the 8 women we discussed, and from each other. It is important to share each other's journey of faith! Heartfelt thanks, Blanca Rocha.



Let us continue to pray for rain wherever it is needed.

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Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)
March 10, 2024

You Decide

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions, we demonstrate we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself, but in the options given to us. And there is the rub. Often these options are not of our choosing. This can cause decision-making to be very difficult.

Sunday Readings

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.

Ephesians 2:4-10

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.

John 3:14-21

[Jesus said,] "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, or harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will likely keep society as is. Which will it be? You decide. †

We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society.

A Word from Pope Francis

The coming of Jesus into the world leads to a choice: whoever chooses darkness will face a judgment of condemnation; whoever chooses light will have a judgment of salvation....This is what we are called to do with greater dedication during Lent: to welcome the light into our conscience, to open our hearts to God's infinite love....

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 14, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever compromised your religious values in order to get by in life?
- Might God be asking you to choose something new?

Sacrificers Are Fed By Their Own Sacrifice

John Shea

When I was a young child, my grandfather used to play a game with me as old as the dawn of time. He would take a cookie in his hand and show it to me. He proceeded to put both hands behind his back and then bring them to the front. Both hands were closed into fists.

“If you can guess what hand the cookie is in, you can have it,” he would say. I would walk around his hands trying to catch a glimpse of the cookie. But his hands were large, and the cookie was well-tucked inside. Finally, I would venture a guess and tap a hand. Both hands would open and turn over, flat as plates.



On each hand was half a cookie. The scoundrel had broken the cookie in half behind his back.

I would say, “Pop, you cheated!” But by that time he had eaten one of the halves. With his mouth full, he would say to me, “You had better hurry.”

I think we break both bread and life like that, half for us and half for others. Jesus ate the bread he broke and fed himself on his own life. Sacrificers are fed by their own sacrifice. This is a secret we seldom acknowledge. There is more love when we give it away rather than keep it, more love for those who give it and more love for those who receive it. In the world of Spirit, what is shared does not divide. It becomes more abundant. †

Source: *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter*, 2008

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “Understanding Sin Today” by Richard M. Gula, SS

We talk about sin differently today because the relational model of the moral life has replaced the legal model. One thing that hasn’t changed, though, is our concept of God’s love and mercy. We do not believe God wants us to be weighed down with a distorted sense of guilt and responsibility. Rather, we believe we are invited to participate more fully in the creative power of God. He accomplishes this by calling us to reconciliation, to reconnect with our best selves, with others, with the world, and with himself. The sacrament of reconciliation is an opportunity and invitation to heal the brokenness in our lives and to set relationships right. †

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So that in all that we say and do, we may choose to witness to God’s love for all life, we pray—
Lord, let us be like you.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 11–16

Monday, Lenten Weekday:
Is 65:17–21 / Jn 4:43–54

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday:
Ez 47:1–9, 12 / Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday:
Is 49:8–15 / Jn 5:17–30

Thursday, Lenten Weekday:
Ex 32:7–14 / Jn 5:31–47

Friday, Lenten Weekday:
Wis 2:1a, 12–22 / Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

Saturday, Lenten Weekday:
Jer 11:18–20 / Jn 7:40–53

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March 10, 2024

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Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Matthew Velasquez, Madonna Gil Jery & Nancy Murguia
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Gerry Schmoker, Bonnie Stewart Matthew Velasquez
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Irene & Felipe Gomez
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Matthew Velasquez

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11:00a.m Mass Coordinators	Rose Caballero
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Sp) & 11:00 a.m.
Monday	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday-Friday	11:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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