

**Forth Sunday of Lent
Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma
March/ March 31, 2019**

Mass Intentions Intenciones de la Misa

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| Saturday/Sabado 03/30 | 9:00am | Ma. Alejandra Barba+ |
| | 5:30pm | All souls in Purgatory |
| Sunday/Domingo 03/31 | 7:00am | Pro-Populo |
| | 9:00am | All our volunteers |
| | 11:00am | Our homebound Parishoners |
| | 1:00pm | Jose Buenrostro+ |
| | 7:00pm | Pro-populo |
| Monday/Lunes 04/01 | 9:00am | All Holy Souls |
| Tuesday/Martes 04/02 | 9:00am | Leonides Silverio+ |
| | 8:00pm | For the healing of Support of victims Of clergy abuse |
| Wed/Miércoles 04/03 | 9:00am | All Holy Souls |
| Thursday/Jueves 04/04 | 9:00am | Caroline Chaterton+ Ma. Guadalupe Sedano+ |
| Friday/Viernes 04/05 | 9:00am | Javier Gomez+ |
| Saturday/Sabado 04/06 | 9:00am | All Holy Souls |

Prayer Requests/Solicitud de Oraciones

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| Isabel & Martin Lopez | Harry Sanders |
| Mark Bruce | Clay Van Artsdalen |
| Pat Hayes | Susan Motley |
| Maureen Holden | Toni Seeley |
| Gary LaFountain | Jack & Thea Dolan |
| Natalie LaFountain | Carson Pfoesich |
| Anne Calvillo | John Ridge |
| Chris Shimada | Pat Mottard |
| Julio Andrés Aquino | Don LaBash |
| Angela Marie Solís | Karen D'Ambrogio |
| Bill Gray | Ernesto Manuyag |
| Joseph Fox | Mario Vera |
| Roslyn Brown | Paul Finn |
| Eric Jenson | Jaime Paniagua |
| Jacob Dyer | Al & Cleo Konnoff |
| Bernie Schneider | Joan Gatley |
| Amie Lands | The Hermogenes Fam. |
| Phil Dion | Sylvia Jaynes |
| Marcia Falsarella | |

CHANGE TIME OF ONE OF OUR MASSES:
As we were announcing some weeks ago, starting the first Sunday in March, our English Mass of 10:30am is going to go to 11:00am and our Spanish Mass from 12:30pm will go to 1:00pm, we need the little extra time for some activities and/or services we do offer sometimes after the 9:00am Mass, thank you for your understanding and cooperation with us!

CAMBIO DE HORARIO DE UNA DE LAS MISAS:
Les anunciamos que empezando el Primer Domingo de Marzo, la Misa de Ingles de 10:30am sera a las 11:00am y la Misa de Español de 12:30pm sera ahora a las 1:00pm, les agradecemos su entendimiento y su cooperacion con este cambio que era necesario que hicieramos, Gracias!

Stations of the Cross during Lent!
During the Fridays of Lent, we invite you to come and pray together the Stations of the Cross in the Church. This devotion will be prayed bi-lingual. We are going to be reciting together the Stations of the Cross, written by Pope Francis with a group of young people from all over the world. **ALL are WELCOME!**

Viacrucis durante la Cuaresma!
Durante los Viernes de Cuaresma, los invitamos a venir y orar juntos el Viacrucis en la Iglesia. Esta devoción la haremos bilingue. El Viacrucis que rezaremos lo escribió el Papa Francisco junto con un grupo de Jóvenes de todo el mundo. **TODOS son BIENVENIDOS!**

The Sr. Antonia Spiritual Enrichment Center is excited to present a Lenten Talk given by Jean Hall. Her topic - "Rooted in Compassion."

We live in a time of divisiveness and discord. We live in a world torn by violence, be it in war or on our streets. It is time for a resurgence of hope, a time for healing, a time for compassionate action. The brilliant British scholar Karen Armstrong says, "What the world needs now is . . . compassionate action and practically expressed respect for the sacred value of all human beings, even our enemies."

The talk will be given at *Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1244 St Francis Rd, Santa Rosa* and will consist of two consecutive sessions.

Session 1: Sunday, April 14 at 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Session 2: Monday, April 15 at 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Jean is an author and a well-known dynamic teacher of scripture. She taught scripture classes at Resurrection Parish in Santa Rosa for 27 years as well as serving as pastoral associate. She now lives with her husband, Fred, in Grants Pass, Oregon. Jean continues to be invited yearly to Resurrection Parish to present the next cycle of Gospel Readings.

Contact the Spiritual Enrichment Center Tel: 546-1781 Email: officeec@sonic.net for more information.

LENT IS FOR US TO FEEL FORGIVEN

This parable is for all of us who have at some time left the Father's house to embark on the fantasy of walking in the footsteps of the Prodigal Son. It wasn't just a coincidence that Christ told it to us. He did it to show us that he knew the fragile clay we are made of, that he knew our sins beforehand. He did it to *show us his mercy by forgiving us* even before we offended him.

1. *This parable is for the restless and the dreamers*, for those who have a desire rooted deep in their soul: to be happy. A desire that God himself placed in our hearts, a desire we should not be ashamed of. A desire that we fight for until we quench that thirst for happiness which seems to consume us.

This parable is also for the misguided soul that thinks it can satisfy its thirst in the muddy waters of pleasure. For the one who eagerly hopes to hold all earthly pleasures in his hands, and yet feels them running through his fingers without satisfying his thirst, but instead leaving him parched in the arid desert of his passions. This parable is therefore for each of us who seek our happiness, expecting to find it in the passing pleasures the world offers us.

2. *For a Father, the best of all is his son*. For a Father, happiness is the good of his son. For a Father, the greatest sorrow is seeing his son enslaved to sin, to the vice of alcohol, of drugs, to the vice of lying, of infidelity, of hatred, of sorrow, or of vengeance... For a Father, the greatest desire is to have his son at his side, close to his breast. For a Father, his son is the whole world to him. Maybe we are nothing in the eyes of the world, but in God's eyes, we are everything.

3. It's useless to try to hide this reality: *we are all prodigal sons and daughters*. We have all demanded of our Father the inheritance of our freedom. And he has given it to us. We have all taken our liberty and set off for the distant lands of sin, there to squander it and run after the shadows of a happiness that vanishes into thin air when we try to take hold of it.

This parable is for those who learn from their mistakes. For those who understand that in the house they ran away from, there waits a loving Father who is more willing to forgive than to punish. Let us not doubt, but arise and run to this Father!

It is better to have been like the Prodigal Son and come back repentant to the Father's house, willing to love him as he loves us, than to be like the other son in the parable who although he never went away, was always distant from his Father. May God bless you, Fr. Oscar

CUARESMA PARA SENTIRNOS PERDONADOS

Esta es la parábola de todos los que hemos dejado alguna vez la casa del Padre y nos hemos sumergido en la fantasía de caminar sobre las mismas huellas del hijo pródigo. No fue una coincidencia el que Cristo lo contara. Él lo hizo para hacernos ver que sabía de qué barro estamos hechos, que conocía de antemano nuestras caídas, para *manifestar su misericordia perdonándonos* aún antes de haberlo ofendido.

1. *Esta es la parábola del inquieto y del iluso*, de quien tiene una inquietud clavada en lo más profundo de su alma: "Ser feliz". Inquietud que Dios mismo ha puesto en nuestros corazones y de la que no nos debemos avergonzar. Inquietud por la que debemos luchar hasta saciar la sed de felicidad que parece consumir al hombre.

Es también la parábola del iluso que piensa que podrá apagar su sed en las aguas turbias de los placeres. Del iluso que busca con avidez encerrar entre sus manos todo los goces terrenos y siente como se le escurren entre los dedos sin saciarlo, dejándolo sediento ante el árido desierto de sus pasiones. Es, pues, la parábola de cada uno de nosotros que buscamos nuestra felicidad y creemos que la encontraremos en los efímeros placeres que nos ofrece el mundo.

2. *Para un Padre el mejor de todos siempre será su hijo*. Para un Padre su felicidad es el bien del hijo. Para un Padre su mayor tristeza es contemplar a su hijo esclavizado en el pecado, en el vicio del alcohol o de las drogas, en el vicio de la mentira, de la infidelidad, del odio, de la tristeza o de la venganza... Para un Padre su mayor deseo es tener a su hijo a su lado, cercano a su pecho. Para un Padre su hijo es todo el mundo. Puede que para el mundo no seamos nada, mas para Dios, somos todo el mundo.

3. Es inútil que intentemos esconder esta palpable realidad. *Todos somos hijos pródigos*. Todos hemos exigido a nuestro Padre la herencia de nuestra libertad. Y él nos la ha dado. Todos hemos tomado nuestra libertad y nos hemos marchado a los remotos países del pecado para derrocharla y correr tras los fantasmas de una felicidad que se esfuma como niebla cuando intentamos atraparla.

Esta es la parábola de los que aprenden de sus errores. De aquellos que comprenden que en la casa de la que huyeron les espera un Padre amoroso más dispuesto a perdonar que a castigar. ¡No lo dudemos! *Levantémonos y corramos hacia ese Padre*.

Es mejor haber sido hijos pródigos y regresar arrepentidos a la casa del Padre y dispuestos a amarlo como él nos ama, que ser como el otro hijo de la parábola que a pesar de nunca haberse marchado, siempre permaneció alejado de su Padre.. Dios le bendiga, P. Oscar

The number of farms . . . has fallen . . . from more than 6 million in 1935 to roughly 2 million in 2012.

The family farm was once the backbone of our national economy. But as one scholar attests: *the growth of urban areas means that healthy young people move out of agriculture, head to town, leaving behind the old, the sick and the dependent . . . This has resulted in the increased sophistication of agricultural markets which excludes traditional smallholders . . .* Which makes one wonder whether today's Parable of the Prodigal Son is out of date – because this younger son appears to be also fed up with living on his father's farm and wants to head for distant and more lively regions where he can live it up. Which reminds me of that old song about farm boys returning from military service after World War I that goes:

How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm / After they've seen Paree' / How ya gonna keep 'em away from Broadway / Jazzin around and paintin' the town // How ya gonna keep 'em away from harm, that's a mystery / They'll never want to see a rake or plow / And who the deuce can parleyvous a cow? / How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm / After they've seen Paree'

It seems odd too that Luke would ascribe to Jesus a parable in which the runaway son comes across as the wayward one when Jesus himself ran away at age twelve – finding the big city of Jerusalem more interesting than distant Nazareth and his family's carpenter shop. He is offended by his parents' reproach: *Don't you know that I must be about what's going on in this wider, scarier world?* And then there are those scenes where, having left Nazareth for good, Jesus is followed by his relatives who want to restrain him: *"he's losing his mind"*, drag him home or when they congregate at the back of a crowd, wanting to reason with him – and he says: *Mother, brothers? This crowd of people is my mother and brothers! These are my relatives.*

Indeed, scholars well versed in the Gospels say that the real target of today's parable is not the prodigal, wayward son – but the older brother, reflective of the Pharisees, who would indeed scorn the behavior of the younger brother and never welcome him home – whereas the prodigal son's father is so much more open hearted and open minded than that.

Which reminds me of another parable - about my younger son who drifted into unwholesome company, contradicted all the standards of dress, associations, music, shelter that I would impose. But ultimately it was his mother who saw in his very behavior (upon his early death) our own redemption from strict propriety – in a poem titled *A Hymn to My Son*:

Perhaps dark, rough people need Angels of Light - / To soften them, untangle their hair, bring calm to their hands. / But we were already light, and bright, pressed and correct - / We needed - if to break open our courteous hearts - / An Unwashed Angel - uncombed and unshaven – grace / Streaming from the cry of electric strings, / Reaching out, shaking us in the night / From our too moderate dreams, / As he, single-eyed, lifting into his heart / Park dwellers, street saints, the hermits of the hotels, / Cried out, "See! See! These are my friends!" / Until we cracked open our eyes and, holding his sooted hands, / Followed him, weeping, into the Sorrow of God.

AN INVITATION FOR THESE COMING FRIDAYS DURING LENT

You are invited to come and be with the Lord on the Fridays of Lent that are left. We are doing the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament right after the 9:00am Mass in the Church, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 6:00pm when we will do Benediction.

We will be hearing confessions on those Fridays from 9:30am to 10:30am and from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. On Good Friday we will have a special schedule in order for us to celebrate the Passion of the Lord. ALL ARE WELCOME!

UNA INVITACION PARA ESTOS VIERNES DE CUARESMA QUE NOS QUEDAN

Son todos invitados para venir y estar con el Señor en los siguientes Viernes de la Cuaresma. Haremos la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento en la Iglesia, y el Señor estará expuesto hasta las 6:00pm que hagamos la Bendición.

Oiremos confesiones esos Viernes de 9:30am a 10:30am y de 6 a 7PM. Ya el Viernes Santo tendremos un horario especial para celebrar el Viernes de la Pasión del Señor. TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!

Finances

Last weekend/fin de la semana pasada \$6,578.00

Last year/El año pasado \$6,167.00

Thank you for your support and may God bless you abundantly! Gracias por su apoyo y Dios les bendiga abundantemente!

GET ON THE BUS PROJECT:

The Get On The Bus Quilt Raffle will be held after all masses on the weekend of April 6-7.

If you have a quilt or other handmade item to donate, please call Phyllis Bazzano 707 528-4151

PROYECTO DE SUBAMONOS EN EL CAMION:

La Rifa de Quilt o Colchas de Arte para el Proyecto Subamonos al Camion, esta rifa será en el fin de semana de Abril 6 y 7.

Si ustedes tienen algo de arte que han hecho a mano y quieren donarlo, por favor llamen a Phyllis Bazzano al 707 528-4151.

“On the Dignity of Life-Our Church in Our Community.”

Our parishioners face many daily challenges from the high cost of housing to fears about climate change with fires and floods, to concerns over immigration policies, etc. This workshop will help parishioners deepen their understanding of Church teachings and develop positive actions on issues such as homelessness, reducing violence and other local issues.

The workshop dates are Saturday, April 13 at Resurrection 10AM, Monday, May 13 at St. Rose 7PM, Thursday, May 16 at Resurrection 7PM) Preregister at amatothompson@gmail.com

Fires and Floods! Climate Change!

What does our church teach us about issues facing our community? Our Church has wonderful teaching to help us strengthen our values and act positively to better our society. Deacon John Storm, the Diocesan Restorative Justice Administrator, and Tom Amato, a former Maryknoll Lay Missioner, will present a workshop: “On the Dignity of Life-Our Church in Our Community” to spark prayer and action.

Saturday, April 13 at Resurrection 10 AM, Monday, May 13 at St. Rose 7, Thursday, May 16 at Resurrection 7 PM-9 PM. Pre-register at amatothompson@gmail.com

Immigration Crisis! Housing Crisis!

Our Church has some wonderful teaching to help families strengthen their values and act positively to better our society. This workshop is designed to help parishioners deepen their understanding of Church teachings and develop positive actions on issues such as homelessness, reducing violence and other local issues.

“On the Dignity of Life-Our Church in Our Community” will be presented three times Saturday, April 13 at Resurrection 10 AM; Monday, May 13 at St. Rose 7; Thursday, May 16 at Resur-

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY ABRIL 3rd. 2019

We are in Lent and this is a good time for us to come and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession, hence we are offering a Penance Service with individual Confessions on April 3rd., in the Church at 6:30PM.. At least 7 priests are coming to help us. Come and be reconciled with the Lord and with one another!"

CONFESIONES COMUNITARIAS EN MIRCOLES 3 DEL 2019

Estamos en la Cuaresma y es una oportunidad para acercarnos al Sacramento de la Confesión o Reconciliación, por eso es que estamos ofreciendo Confesiones en Comunidad el Miercoles 3 de Abril a las 6:30PM, tendremos 7 sacerdotes ayudándonos en confesiones, vengan para que nos reconciliemos con el Señor y unos con otros!