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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Saturday 9:00 AM Eng.

Vigil Mass for Sun. 4:00 PM Eng.

Sunday 7:30 AM Eng.

10:00 AM Eng.

12:00 PM Sp.

7:00 PM Sp.

HOLY DAYS: As announced.

CONFESSIONS: In English and Spanish

Fridays at 6:00, Saturday at 3:00 pm

Reconciliación—Español e Inglés

Viernes: 6:00 pm, Sábado: 3:00 pm

Sacramental Preparation Info:

Contact the Church Office.

Preparación Sacramental

Comunícate con la oficina parroquial

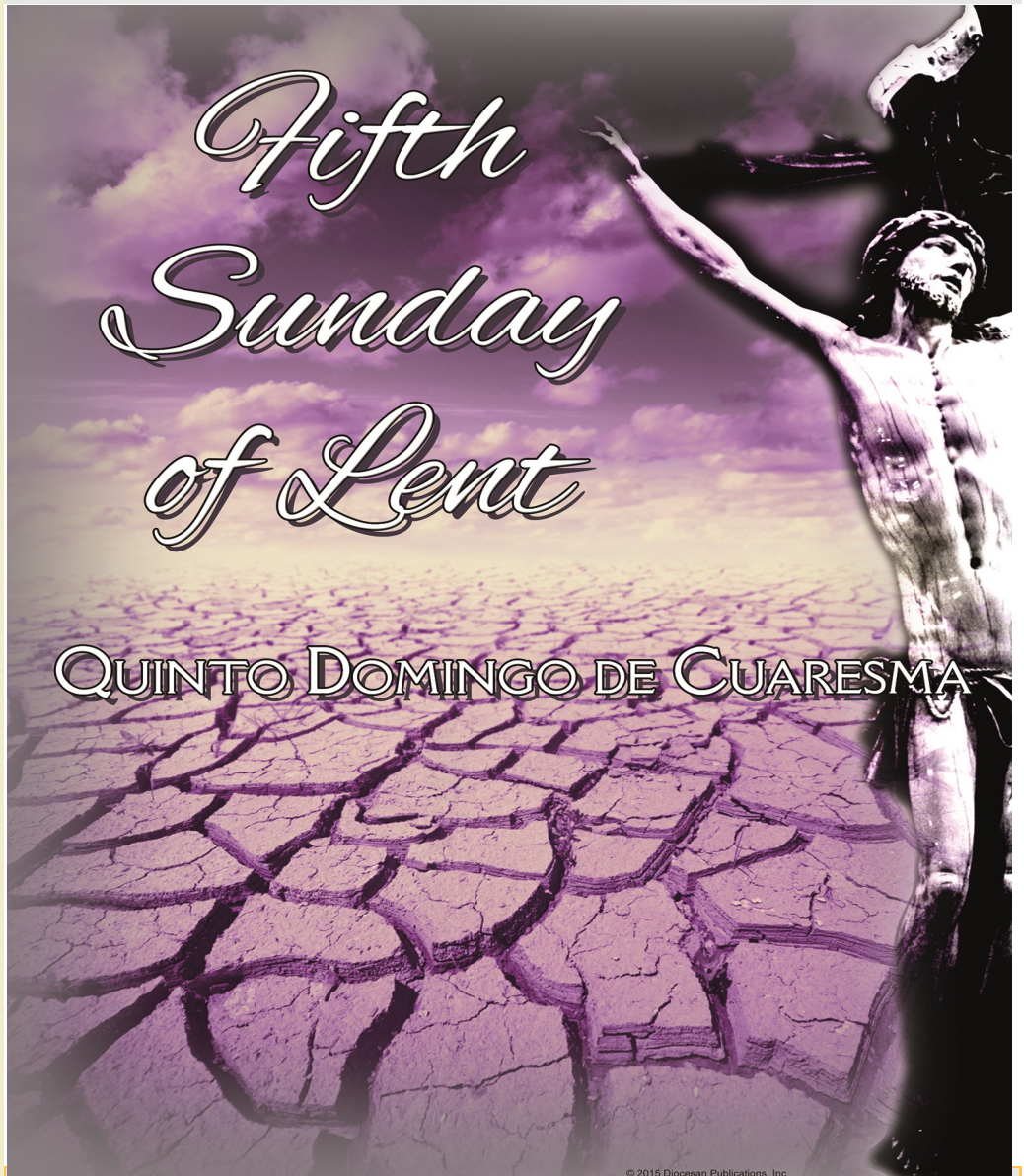
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5th Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2015

V Domingo de Cuaresma

22 de Marzo de 2015



WELCOME. Thank you for joining us today!

Bienvenidos. ¡Gracias por acompañarnos!

I am writing this letter on the Feast of St. Patrick.

All of us come from some religious tradition or other. Our Faith, for most of us, is something that was handed down to us, along with many other traditions - like the way we celebrate Christmas or some other great event in the year, or the traditions around births, deaths and marriages. In one culture things are done in a certain way that can seem quite strange to those coming from another tradition, and yet they blend together. Our nation is a striking example of that way that one culture can unite with another to produce something. Only a couple of generations ago we had Polish, Italian, Irish neighborhoods and so on and now they have melded together to become something new.

Some may regret the passing of the 'old ways' and there is certainly a lot to be said for the maintaining of some of the great traditions that have stood the test of time. But the need to come together, to find a common way or a way that we can all be comfortable with means that things will change over the years. And it can lead to some amusing outcomes. In America it is taken completely as gospel that everyone in Ireland eats Corned Beef and Cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. In fact it's highly unlikely that they would do any such thing! Far more probably they will be having beef or lamb with roasted potatoes and gravy!

When it comes to our Faith we can cling to the 'old ways' just as fiercely. When I suggest to someone that a baby should wear ordinary clothes to be baptized in and only after Baptism receive the beautiful white garment (a sign of their new Christian dignity) I hear "But that's not how my grandparents and parents did it!" Maybe not, but isn't it better to give a deeper meaning to a symbol than just to carry on doing something which doesn't have any meaning other than 'that's the way it has always been.'?

You may have noticed the bookmarks in the pews which invite us to come back to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. One person told me "I couldn't go to Confession like that - that's not the proper Act of Contrition!" What she meant of course was that it wasn't the one she had learnt as a child, which had to be the one and only 'proper' Act of Contrition. Actually there isn't **any** 'proper' Act of Contrition. The Rite of Penance (the instruction manual on how to celebrate the Sacrament) says: The penitent expresses sorrow for his/her sins in these *or similar* words - in other words, you can say anything you like as long as it expresses your genuine remorse and contrition.

The earliest Church celebrated the Eucharist (a Greek word) in Greek and only changed to Latin in the 4th century. She adapted because her people had changed from those that the first Apostles had preached to. When we changed from Latin to English in the 1960's you'd think the whole Church had given up religion! Everybody **knew** that Mass could only be celebrated in Latin - the language Jesus spoke!! In fact He didn't speak Latin or Greek or even Hebrew - He spoke Aramaic, the language of His people. Mel Gibson got it right when he had the Last Supper celebrated in Aramaic! But I don't think too many of us would want to go to Mass each day if it were celebrated in Aramaic

Traditions are important. They give us roots in the cultures from which we came and help us to become rooted in the culture to which we now belong. If we trust in God and His constant loving presence with us then we will have the confidence to take the best from the past and use it to shape a better future for all.

Fr. Robert.

The Church: a crock.

A crock or pot can be our heart and the New Covenant is soil placed in the crock. And Jesus Christ is the grain sown to produce permanent and good fruit.

All local parishes are dedicated to the patronage of some saint, and the parishioners who revere their Christian virtues and their Christian life style as a model to be followed. In our case she is Saint Ann.

Duly constituted parishes, have a specific physical address. The diocesan Bishop appoints a special delegate who exercises the functions of government, teaching and sanctifying the people imitating the figure of Good Shepard as a Pastor or Parish Administrator.

The main function of the Pastor is to govern, teach and sanctify the faithful for everything so that they can succeed in developing the various dimensions of their life including spiritual, moral, caring for the family as a sacred institution, Christian education of children and respect and brotherly love between siblings. Also the sense of social responsibility and the sense of belonging to the Church.

Many others are relevant aspects to which the function of Ordained Minister is directed to serve God in the midst of parishioners and the entire community.

Each member of the parish is individually is an earthen vessel into which the fertile soil of the new covenant has been poured: the Eucharist. The grain of wheat which must be sown in that pot is the Word of God through the Word, that is: Jesus Christ. And the fruits that are expected from this sowing are service, joy, mercy and reconciliation as a result of brotherly love and peace.

As a community of faith that is about to celebrate the victory of Christ over death, we are called to bear much fruit because we are the fertile ground that has been enriched with the new and eternal covenant and the seed sown in us is Christ Jesus. Therefore, our fruits should contribute to the overall development of the parish, making possible the radical renewal of the family, church and society. **Fr.**

Frank Wolf

Last week we reviewed number 3 of the letter of Pope Francis which stresses that when the earthly Church prays, a unity is restored, seeing in our neighbors brothers and sisters for whom Christ died and rose again. And what we received, we have also received for them. (...). "

Today I give you the continuation of this number 3 of the Letter of the Pope for Lent 2015 stressing that "we can help with acts of charity, reaching both those near and the distant, thanks to numerous charities of the Church. Lent is a good time to show interest in the other, with a concrete sign time, albeit small, of our participation in humanity itself " It is also very important to note that: "The suffering of others is a call to the conversion, because the need for brother reminds me of the fragility of my life, my dependence on God and neighbor. If we humbly ask God's grace and accept the limits of our ability, we will rely on the infinite possibilities that we reserve the love of God. And we can resist the diabolical temptation that makes us believe that we alone can save the world and ourselves."

Pope Francis.

To all the leaders of the various ministries and parish groups, I invite you to contact me to coordinate actions related to the support for the preparation of the Second Parish Group and Ministry Gathering 2015 which will be in June. All those who have not yet done so, **PLEASE** call the office. Thank you for your support and may God continue blessing the parish of Saint Ann in the development of His ministry and His faith.

Father Frank

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: In today's Gospel, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor. When you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of god's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy. You indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation to the Narthex.

2014 DONATION TAX STATEMENTS are available in the Church Office.

FREE TAX HELP The AARP Foundation TAX-AIDE program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income tax-payers, especially those 60 and older. Tax help will be provided every Thursday from Feb. 5 through April 9, for the hours of 8:30 am to 2 pm, at First Presbyterian Church, 104 Scenic Hwy. (Route 544). When you come, please bring the following: photo ID, copy of last year's tax return, and all 2014 tax documents which may include: W-2 forms, unemployment compensation statements, SSA-1099 Social Security forms, all 1099 forms for pensions, annuities, interest or dividends, documentation of original purchase price of sold assets, all forms showing federal income tax paid, dependent care provider information, all receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions, and Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents. If you are expecting a refund, please bring your checkbook so the tax preparer can copy your account number and the IRS will Direct Deposit the refund into your account.

It's The Florida Catholic Annual Long-Sleeve Relief Drive. Collect clean used or new long-sleeve men's and women's cotton shirts (Smaller sizes especially). Bring your donation to Church and leave in the St. Vincent de Paul Bins. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to the Florida Catholic Long Sleeve Relief, PO Box 4993, Orlando, Florida 32802.



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT: There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. on Friday with benediction at 5:45 PM.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH? DO YOU WANT DONATION ENVELOPES?

In order to have contribution envelopes, you must register. In order to register you must request a registration card from any Usher or from the Church Office. After filling it out, please put it in the collection basket at Mass or turn in to the Church Office. You may also register on-line. Automatic monthly mail service normally takes 1 to 2 months but the Church Office will send out your first month's package upon receiving your registration request. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Church Office.

LECTOR NOTES: You will be a minister of reconciliation as you remind the congregation that God loves and forgives us and that we must love and forgive each other. If you are interested in becoming a lector, contact Ann Wolber at 407-433-8048.

Catholic Singles Group: All Catholic men and women age 50 and over who are single, widowed or divorced, are invited to join us in attending the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, March 21st at Resurrection Church in Lakeland and dinner afterwards at Abuelo's Restuelo's Restaurant, Lakeland.

We welcome you into our Community of faith. For information regarding **RCIA** please call the Faith Formation Office and speak to Sr. Josie.



Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Volunteers are needed to interview those who come for help, to work in the food pantry or the clothing room, or to do home visits. The center is open Mon., Wed., and Fri.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21st, 2015

9:00 AM +Gloria Reising

4:00 PM +Jerry Huxell

Sunday, March 22nd, 2015

7:30 AM +Nicole Zullo

10:00 AM +Josephine Young

12:00 PM +Magaly Miranda

7:00 PM Por los fieles de la parroquia

Monday, March 23rd, 2015

9:00 AM +Glenn Walker

Tuesday, March 24th, 2015

9:00 AM +Arlene Cannon

Wednesday, March 25th, 2015

9:00 am +Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, March 26th, 2014

9:00 AM ++Eunice White

Friday, March 27th, 2015

9:00 AM +Linda May

Saturday, March 28th, 2015

9:00 AM +Fernand Canevari

4:00 PM +Rosemary Angrisiani

Sunday, March 29th, 2015

7:30 AM +Florien & Viola Boll

10:00 AM +Roger Glavin

12:00 PM +Maria Teresa Rayas Cazares

7:00 PM Por los fieles de la parroquia

If you have questions involving an **Annulment**, please make an appointment with Carolina Breton who is the Regional Advocate for the Diocese of Orlando's Tribunal. Call 863-646-3556 ext. #101.

OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL 2015—Do Everything for the Glory of God Over the past few weeks, we have thought about, talked about and prayed about the ministries supported by **Our Catholic Appeal**. Now it is time for all of us to share a portion of our treasure so these ministries can continue.

If you received your 2015 packet in the mail and made your pledge, thank you. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so today. By supporting the ministries of our diocese, every parish, including our own, is better equipped to carry out the work of Christ.

Our parish goal is \$122,285.00 Once we achieve this goal, the majority of the additional funds will be returned to our parish to support our own special needs, including the Church loan for the expansion of the Church and the Grove. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

The **Cancer Support Group**, will meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays (3/27, 4/10, 4/24) at 10:15 in the Fr. Carlos Bldg. If you have any questions, please call Lori King at 863-258-5813.

Lent is our time of preparation. We begin a 40-day journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving on Ash Wednesday. Through the **CRS Rice Bowl** we can feed the hungry and help the poor. By giving just **5 cents** a day will add up to \$2 by Easter Sunday. Please pick up your CRS Rice Bowl in the Church Narthex and return them there to our Religious Gift Shop beginning Easter Sunday or sooner. Help us serve those in need and live Jesus' message of love.

Please join us in saying a **Rosary for the Unborn** after the Saturday 4:00 PM Mass in the Chapel.

Knights of Columbus #10484 is inviting you to a **FISH FRY** every Friday evening during Lent from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm during Lent until March 27th at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Florida Avenue in Haines City.

Cost: \$8.00

Includes, Fried Fish, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad and Hush Puppies. Coffee or Tea.

Sodas are \$.75 extra.



Stations of the Cross are Fridays @ 3:00 p.m. during Lent.

MINISTERS TO THE SICK: Share the word and the mystery of Christ's presence in Holy Communion with members who are physically unable to attend our Eucharistic celebration. If you or a loved one are in need of the Sacrament, please call Cathy Grossmann at 299-3452.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED in ministering to the sick at Heart of Florida Hospital, facilities, and homebound parishioners. The next training session for new Ministers to the Sick, will be at St. Joseph, Winter Haven, on April 18th from 1:00 PM to 4:00. To enroll please call Cathy at 299-3452.

The Haines City Knights of Columbus Business Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7:30 PM. **Council Social:** 4th Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 PM. All Knights & family are welcome at the Social. **BINGO** is every Monday & Thursday starting at 12:30 PM. For more info, call Roger Werckman. @ 863-956-5123.



Mr. & Mrs. Terry Gallardo won the 50/50 for \$181.00 and donated it to St. Vincent de Paul. Reminder: it takes \$2.00 to play!



The **Charismatic Prayer Group** meets every Wednesday morning after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Fr. Carlos Building. Come join us!

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We have placed a book in the Narthex where you can write the names of those who may be sick and for whom you wish us to pray. At Mass we will pray for those who have asked us for our prayers, especially those in our intention book." You can neatly write names into the book right up to the start of Mass and the book will be carried to the altar. **Please pray for the sick in our Parish who have asked for our prayers.**



Fr. Robert Baron's course on Catholicism is ONGOING! You can still join us any Sunday morning after the 10AM Mass in the Fr. Anderson Building. Come to one class or the remaining classes- you will be enlightened. For a daily Lenten reflection from Fr. Robert Baron via Email, go to LentReflections.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION

Dear Parents,
Registration for 2015-2016 Faith Formation classes is now closed for students needing First Communion and Confirmation. We do have space for those students who are over the age of 7 and need to be Baptized. We also have space for the Spanish young adults, 18 years old or older in Enrique Sandoval's class which meets on Sunday morning.

Girls who are approaching their 15th Birthday, and are anticipating celebrating their Quince with a Mass, must at least be in the first year of Confirmation Preparation.

Some parents have not paid their 2014-2015 Tuition – we would appreciate hearing from you before April 11, 2015, especially from those parents who have students receiving First Communion or Confirmation this year.

Some parents have not re-registered their children for the second year of instruction for First Communion / Confirmation – remember, your children are not automatically re-registered. *We are in need of two TV carts so that we can move our new TV sets from room to room. If you can help us out, we would be very grateful.*

PLEASE CALL , 863-438-2700, BEFORE COMING TO MAKE SURE THAT I AM IN THE OFFICE, AS SOME DAYS I HAVE MEETINGS, ETC. AND AM NOT AVAILABLE.

God bless you, Sister Josie

The **PEACE Action** will take place on 3/23/2015 at the Youkey Theatre in the Lakeland Center. There will be free parking. Doors open at 6:30 PM. The address is: The Lakeland Center 701 W Lime Street-Lakeland, FL 33815. At the Action we will seek to address the problems of youth arrests for minor offenses, access to mental health care and access to primary care.

ST. ANN Vocations' Promotion Committee
DID YOU KNOW... every member of the Church needs to consciously feel responsibility for promoting vocations, especially since God's voice may be drowned out by "other voices"? A wealth of vocation information is available at uscgb.org, the website of the U S Bishops.

Dear Parishioners:
I am asking that everyone continue to give at the level that they did this time last year. This is what our budget is based on and it's vital that we stick to it. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

Week of 3-15 & 16, last year.....\$14,469.42

Week of 3-14 & 15 this year.....\$16,143.87

Difference: +\$1,674.45

Thank you for your generosity.



Easter Flowers for the Altar: If you would like to have a loved one remembered at Easter, please legibly **PRINT** their name on a piece of paper and send in an envelope, marked "EASTER FLOWERS" along with a donation to the Church office or in the collection basket.

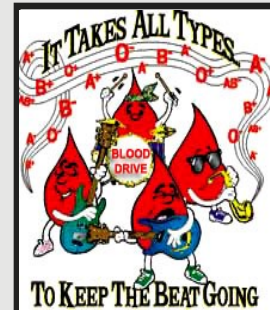
THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

will meet every Wednesday to make teddy bears, chemo hats and prayer shawls. We are so grateful for the many skeins of yarn for our shawls and chemo hats and material for the teddy bears that we have received from our Church members.. Thank you so much. If you know of someone needing a prayer shawl because of poor health or who have lost a loved one, please come see us on Wednesday mornings in the Fr. Anderson Building or call the Church Office at 422-4370.



PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP! Are you celebrating a birthday, wedding anniversary, a baptism or other occasion in the next few months? Why not consider spiritually making your day extra special by volunteering to bring the Gifts to Father during the offertory. It will mean extra joy for you and your day and it will help us immensely. Please contact Mary Jo to volunteer for the 4 o'clock Mass @299-5590, Joyce Crane for the 7:30 AM @419-1200, Joyce Greenwood for the 10 AM Mass @956-4548 or feel free to e-mail us at mjpiter-ra.2703@gmail.com, please add "Gift Givers" to the subject line and be sure and tell us what date and Mass time you are requesting. You may also talk to any Usher who will forward the request to us.



The Blood Mobile will be in the lower parking lot (CCD side) on April 19th from 8:30 AM to 1:10 PM.

If you want to lend a hand: LEND AN ARM. DONATE!

ATTORNEY NEEDED: Catholic Charities of Central Florida is seeking a staff attorney and paralegals to provide immigration services in Polk County. All positions require bi-lingual ability in English and Spanish. Previous experience in immigration law is desired. To apply please send resume to Ms. Rosa Centeno, HR Coordinator at rosa.centeno@cflcc.org.

LE ESCRIBO ESTA CARTA EN LA FIESTA DE SAN PATRICIO.

Todos nosotros venimos de uno o de otro tipo de tradición religiosa. Nuestra Fe, para la mayoría de nosotros, es algo transmitido a nosotros, junto con muchas otras tradiciones - como la forma en que celebramos la Navidad o algún otro gran evento en el año, o las tradiciones alrededor de nacimientos, defunciones y matrimonios. Inclusive, unos cultivos se hacen de cierta manera que puede parecer bastante extraño para los que tienen otra tradición, y sin embargo, la verdad es que relacionan. Nuestra nación es un claro ejemplo de la forma en que una cultura puede unirse con otra para producir algo nuevo. Hace apenas un par de generaciones que tuvimos, italianos, barrios irlandeses, polacos, entre otros, y ahora, nos hemos fusionado juntos para convertirnos en algo nuevo.

Algunos pueden lamentar la desaparición de las "viejas formas" y hay sin duda mucho que dicen estar a favor del mantenimiento de algunas de las grandes tradiciones que han resistido la prueba del tiempo. Pero la necesidad de reunirse, constituye una razón importante para encontrar una forma común o una manera en que todos podamos estar cómodos con el hecho de que las cosas van a cambiar en los últimos años, pero manteniéndonos unidos. Esto puede dar lugar a algunos resultados divertidos.

En Estados Unidos se toma por completo como un evangelio que todo el mundo en Irlanda come carne en lata y de la col en el Día de San Patricio. De hecho, es muy poco probable que harían cualquier cosa! Mucho más probable es que va a tener carne de vaca o cordero con patatas asadas y salsa!

Cuando se trata de nuestra fe podemos aferrarnos a las "viejas tradiciones" ¡tan ferozmente!. Cuando sugiero a alguien que un bebé debe usar ropa de calle antes de que sean bautizados y que sólo después del Bautismo reciban el hermoso vestido blanco (porque esta es la señal de su nueva dignidad cristiana) la respuesta que escucho, inclusive con cierta resistencia es esta: "Pero no es así como mis abuelos y padres hicieron!". Ciertamente, tal vez no lo es, a pesar de ello ¿es que acaso no es mejor así para darle el significado más profundo que ofrece un símbolo y no solo para continuar haciendo algo que no tiene ningún otro significado más porque "esa es la forma en que siempre ha sido."?

Usted puede haber notado los marcadores en las bancas que invitan a volver al Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Una persona me dijo "yo no podía ir a la confesión como esa - que no es el acto propio de contrición!" Lo que quería decir, por supuesto, era que no era el que ella había aprendido de niño, que tenía que ser sólo el "adecuado" según la ley para la contrición. En realidad no hay ninguna Ley "adecuada" de contrición. El Rito de la Penitencia (así está indicado en el manual de instrucciones sobre la manera de celebrar el Sacramento) dice: El penitente expresa su pesar por su o sus pecados en estas u otras palabras similares - en otras palabras, se puede decir todo lo que quieras, siempre y cuando expresa su remordimiento genuino y contrición.

La primera Iglesia celebra la Eucaristía (palabra griega) en griego y sólo cambió a América en el siglo cuarto. En ese entonces se adaptó porque su pueblo había cambiado desde que los primeros apóstoles había iniciado su predicación. Cuando cambiamos del latín al Inglés en la década de 1960 se podría pensar a toda la Iglesia había renunciado a la religión! Todo el mundo sabía que la Misa sólo se podía celebrar en América - el idioma que habló Jesús!! De hecho, Él no hablaba latín o griego o incluso hebreo - Hablaba arameo, la lengua de su pueblo. Mel Gibson lo hizo bien cuando tuvo la última cena celebrada en arameo! Pero no creo que muchos de nosotros le gustaría ir a misa cada día si se celebra en arameo

Las tradiciones son importantes. Ellos nos dan idea de las raíces de las diversas culturas de las que hemos venido y nos ayudan a conservar el arraigo en medio de la cultura a la que ahora pertenecemos. Si confiamos en Dios y su constante presencia amorosa con nosotros, entonces vamos a tener la confianza de tomar lo mejor del pasado utilizandolo para dar forma a un futuro mejor para todos. **Padre Robert.**

San Vicente de Paúl:

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice: **"El que me sirve, sígame; y donde yo estuviere, allí también estará mi servidor."** **Al que me sirviere, mi Padre le honrará."** Cuando ayudamos a los pobres verdaderamente somos seguidores de Jesús, sirviendo a los necesitados. Cuando usted sirve a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul, sepa que usted es una señal del amor de Dios a quienes están sufriendo, para traerles alegría y esperanza durante la Pascua. Ciertamente usted pone su fe en acción cuando le lleva consuelo a los que sufren y alimento a los hambrientos. Por favor considere donar alimentos enlatados para la despensa de San Vicente y traerlos los Domingos dejarlos en el Nártex.

Ministerio de Vocaciones Religiosas**Programa del Cáliz Peregrino Calendario Semanal de Familias**

Marzo 22	María Hernández	Misa 7:00pm
Marzo 29	Emma y Edgar Ponce	Misa 7:00pm
Abril 4	Vicky Sánchez	Misa 12:00N
Abril 11	Ivette Lopatinsky	Misa 7:00pm

A Diferencia a Otras Vocaciones

¿SABÍA QUE ... todos los miembros de la Iglesia necesitan conscientemente sentir la responsabilidad de promover las vocaciones, sobre todo porque la voz de Dios puede ser ahogada por «otras voces?» Una gran cantidad de información sobre vocaciones está disponible en usccb.org, la página web de los Obispos de Estados Unidos.

La Iglesia: una vasija de barro.

Una vasija de barro es nuestro corazón. Una alianza nueva es el abono colocado en la vasija de barro y Cristo es el Grano de Trigo sembrado para que produzca frutos permanentes.

Las parroquias locales dedicadas al patrocinio de un santo a quien veneran aprendiendo sus virtudes cristianas y su modelo de vida. En nuestro caso es Santa Ana.

Las parroquias debidamente constituidas poseen una dirección física específica, y a cargo de ellas el Obispo Diocesano nombra un delegado especial que ejerce las funciones de gobierno por medio de la figura de Párroco o administrador parroquial.

Entre las principales funciones de los párrocos está la de gobernar, enseñar y santificar a la feligresía para que todos unidos logren desarrollar las diversas dimensiones de la vida entre ellas la espiritual, la moral, las buenas costumbres, el cuidado de la familia como institución sagrada, la educación cristiana de los hijos, el respeto y amor fraterno entre los hermanos, el sentido de responsabilidad social y de pertenencia a la Iglesia. Muchos otros son los aspectos hacia los cuales se dirige la función del Ministro Ordenado para servirle a Dios en medio de las comunidades parroquiales

Cada miembro de la parroquia de manera individual es una vasija de barro dentro de la cual se vierte el abono fértil de la nueva alianza: la Eucaristía. El Grano de trigo que ha de ser sembrado en esa vasija es la Palabra de Dios por medio del Verbo, es decir; Jesucristo. Y los frutos que se esperan de esa siembra son el servicio, la alegría, la misericordia y la reconciliación como fruto del amor fraterno y la paz.

Como comunidad de fe que esta próxima a celebrar la Victoria de Cristo sobre la muerte, estamos llamados a dar muchos frutos, pues hemos sido constituidos como el campo fértil que se ha enriquecido con la Alianza Nueva y Eterna y la semilla sembrada en nosotros es Cristo Jesús. Por tanto, nuestros frutos deben coadyuvar al desarrollo integral de la parroquia, haciendo posible a partir de ella la renovación radical de la propia familia, de la iglesia y de la sociedad. **Fr. Frank Lobo**

La semana pasada revisamos el número 3 de la carta el Papa Francisco se subraya que Cuando la Iglesia terrenal ora, se instaure una comunión de servicio viendo en nuestro prójimo al hermano y a la hermana por quienes Cristo murió y resucitó. Y **Lo que hemos recibido, lo hemos recibido también para ellos.** (...).”

Hoy les entrego la continuación de este número 3 de la Carta del Papa en la Cuaresma 2015 haciendo énfasis en que: “podemos ayudar con gestos de caridad, llegando tanto a las personas cercanas como a las lejanas, gracias a los numerosos organismos de caridad de la Iglesia. La Cuaresma es un tiempo propicio para mostrar interés por el otro, con un signo concreto, aunque sea pequeño, de nuestra participación en la misma humanidad.” También es muy importante tener en cuenta que: “el sufrimiento del otro constituye un llamado a la conversión, porque la necesidad del hermano me recuerda la fragilidad de mi vida, mi dependencia de Dios y de los hermanos. Si pedimos humildemente la gracia de Dios y aceptamos los límites de nuestras posibilidades, confiaremos en las infinitas posibilidades que nos reserva el amor de Dios. Y podremos resistir a la tentación diabólica que nos hace creer que nosotros solos podemos salvar al mundo y a nosotros mismos.”

A todos los líderes de los distintos ministerios y grupos de la Parroquia les invito a comunicarse conmigo para coordinar las acciones de apoyo correspondientes a la preparación del Segundo Encuentro Parroquial de Grupos y Ministerio 2015. Los que aún no lo han hecho **POR FAVOR** llamen cuanto antes a la oficina. Muchísimas gracias por su apoyo y que Dios y Santa Ana los continúen bendiciendo en el desarrollo de su ministerio y de su fe. **Padre Frank**

Formación de Fe:

La inscripción para 2015-2016 de las clases de Formación de Fe está cerrada para los estudiantes que necesitan la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación. Tenemos espacio para aquellos estudiantes que están sobre la edad de 7 años y necesitan ser bautizado. Todavía está abierta la registración para jóvenes adultos en español. La Clase de Enrique Sandoval se reúne el domingo en la mañana. A las Jovencitas que están próximas a cumplir sus Quince Años y están anticipando celebrar una Misa, deben de estar por los menos en el primer año de preparación para la Confirmación. **Los Padres de familia que no han pagado la matrícula del 2014-2015 le agradecería que pasarán por mi oficina no mas tardar del 11 de Abril del 2015, especialmente los Padres de los estudiantes que van a recibir la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación en este año. Los estudiantes que regresan para el segundo año de instrucción para de la Primera Comunión/ Confirmación necesitan registrarse lo antes posible.** Necesitamos comprar dos carritos de televisión para trasladar nuestro equipo de salón a salón. Les agradecemos su ayuda.

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Dios continúe bendiciéndole a usted y su familia.

Gracias, Sr. Josie