

March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent



“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.” — Romans 10:8

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The second collection this weekend is for The Black and Native Americans. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the USA.

Congratulations Rebecca Simmons Clemons!

We are pleased to announce that Rebecca has accepted a position as the new Director of El Camino de San Antonio Mission Pilgrimage Center.

Rebecca has served as our sixth grade Catechist for longer than anyone can remember. Her involvement in our parish through Parish Outreach, Mission Possible, Parish Pilgrimages, and Saintly Madness, to name just a few, makes us proud to share her talents and skills with the broader church in San Antonio.

You have the support of our Parish community and we wish you much success in this new endeavor.

Fr. Martin Leopold, the Staff, and the Parish Community.



RCIA Rite of Election

This past Saturday, March 9 at San Fernando Cathedral, the Candidates and Catechumens from our parish attended the Rite of Election. Lent is a very special time for them as they prepare to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Faith Direct program is an easy and convenient way to submit your weekly offering to our Church. For more information and to enroll in e-giving through Faith Direct, go to our website, olgsa.org, and click on the e-giving tab or contact the office. Thank you for your support!

Please join us for the next

Holy Hour for Priests

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Rosary, prayers, and Benediction

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Save the Date Annual Parish Pilgrimage Sunday, March 31, 2019

40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE During Lent, you are invited to donate one can each day in solidarity with those who struggle to find their next meal. Your donation will assist the food pantry at the Guadalupe Community Center, our Parish Outreach Partner. Place your cans in one of the bins marked "40 Cans for Lent."

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Bring a basket and join the fun right after 8:30 AM Mass on Easter Sunday! Egg donations (1-2 dozen filled plastic eggs) or monetary donations to purchase eggs may be dropped off at the Church Office. The following donations are needed on Easter Sunday: coffee, donuts and juice or water. For more information, contact the Pedraza Family at 210-373-7247 or rachelpedraza@me.com. Thank you!



Children's Choir: Rehearsals for the Children's Choir that will sing on Easter Sunday at 8:30 AM Mass will be Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:15 PM in Classroom 3. This Choir is open to children ages 7-13 and able to read. Please contact Joel Birkenfeld at 734-7285, ext. 204 or jfbirkenfeld@gmail.com if your child would like to join the choir. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays, March 19, 26 and April 2, 9 & 16.

# *Lenten School of Prayer*

## SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

Presenter: Fr. Daniel Villarreal

Third Word - John 19: 26-27

Jesus said to his mother: Woman, this is your son. Then he said to the disciple: This is your mother.

Fourth Word - Matthew 27: 46

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Fifth Word - John 19: 28

I thirst



Nursery - Track for Children - Food - Fellowship

Mon. Mar 18 | 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm | Madonna Room

Main Meal: Sliders. Please bring a side dish or dessert or drinks.

This is a free event. Please let us know you're coming at [communications@olgsa.org](mailto:communications@olgsa.org) or call the office at 210-734-7285



TOGETHER IN HOLINESS

### **Together in Holiness Marriage Enrichment Conference**

**Saturday, April 27, 2019 | 8:30AM – 3:30PM**

**St. Mark the Evangelist in San Antonio, TX**

Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S.  
Speakers: Arland Nichols; Danielle Bean.; and Dr. Leonora Butau  
Eucharistic Adoration | Reconciliation | On-site Childcare

**Cost: \$59/couple or \$35/individual.** (Scholarships available upon request)

**On-site childcare (2-12yrs); pre-registration required**

For more information, please visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or  
email Conference Coordinator Susie Lopez at [susie@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:susie@forlifeandfamily.org)

*Together in Holiness*<sup>™</sup> is an initiative of the St. John Paul II Foundation and is presented in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, March 11

7:00 AM Kim Balderas - Cecilio & Betsy Rodriguez  
5:30 PM Parish Priests - Dolores Beardsley

### Tuesday, March 12

7:00 AM Steve Chiscano & Family -  
Ralph & Linda Schmidt  
5:30 PM Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Villarreal (d) - Family

### Wednesday, March 13

7:00 AM In Thanksgiving V. S. I.  
5:30 PM Raul Ramon Gomez (d) - Carmen Drury

### Thursday, March 14

7:00 AM Angela Fitzner - Family  
5:30 PM Special Intention - Dolores Beardsley

### Friday, March 15

7:00 AM Mary Eisenhoffer (d) - Family  
5:30 PM Dr. & Mrs. Elias Prieto - Family

### Saturday, March 16

8:00 AM Homebound of the Parish  
5:30 PM John & Harold Battalora (d) - Pat Hedemann

### Sunday, March 17

8:30 AM Children's Liturgists  
10:30 AM Our Lady of Grace Parishioners  
12:00 PM In Thanksgiving for Carmen Drury - Fred Diaz

**GOD BLESS THE MEN AND WOMEN OF  
THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**

**"Raising in Grace":** Join us for a group for Moms and Tots with Storytime and Mommy Time. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the breezeway classrooms. For information, call Marissa Arriaga at 210-885-5047. Hope to see you there!!



**Children's Rosary Ministry:** Meets weekly on Wednesday's from 4:30-5:30 pm. We pray the rosary together outside across from the parking lot and follow with a light snack. Call Bridie Chadoir at 713-501-2954 for information. All are welcome!

**BAND OF BROTHERS IN CHRIST:** All men are invited to join the Band of Brothers in Christ (BBC) on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Our Lady of Knock Madonna Classroom #5 for a short talk and discussion. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 20**, when the topic for the evening will be *Living a Virtuous Life*.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

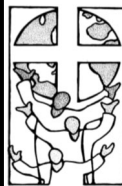


Arturo Magaña Acosta, Alicia D' Andrea, Baby Joel Arechiga, Pat Barnas, Nancy Bergman, Mary Berman, Baby Gracie Bernal, Patricia Boone, Clara Grace Bragg, Marjorie Branham, Jim Branton, Maria Brooks, Marvin C. Brown, Hannah Carmona, Michael Castro, Pamela Craig, Baby Emiliano Cuellar, Edward Dehan, Maria De Leon, Lourdes de Torres, Catherine DeWein, Fred Diaz, Mary Jane Diaz, Leo Eide, Margarita Alicia Enriquez, Dolores Escamilla, Rachel Espinoza, Martin Etheredge, Deacon Frank Gallardo, Vangie Gallardo, Kate Gonzalez, Lupe Gutierrez, Martin Guzman, Barbara Haag, David Hawbecker, Juanita Alvarez-Hernandez, Helmut Klink, Madeline Kammer, Ron LeVrier, Angel Lopez, Margaret Loyd, Mary Louise Lutz, Coby Olivarez, Scott O'Neill, Jollie Peel, Mary Prado, Mary Ramirez, Timothy Ramirez, John Rhoten, Norma Ricance, Adela Rodriguez, Al Salazar, Scott Smith, Betsy Sullivan, Julia Torres, Ricardo Valdez, Lillian Valencia, and Rocilia Zieba.

**Prayer list requests can be made by calling the office at 210-734-7285. Names of the sick will be listed for three months. After three months, names will be removed. Should you need to keep a loved one on the prayer list, please contact the office, and the names will be added for an additional three months.**

St. Joseph's Society and Hope for the Future are offering \$1,000 scholarships to incoming high school freshmen, two for each of the seven Archdiocesan Catholic high schools in Bexar County. These scholarships will be awarded based on grades, class attendance, extracurricular activities, community service, Church service, family income, and other criteria. Applicant must register online at <http://eepurl.com/ggFpub> before March 28. Completed applications must be received by April 12. For more information visit [scholarships.stjosephshall.com](http://scholarships.stjosephshall.com) or call (210)224-8279. The office is open Monday through Friday from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT UPDATE



### Our Lady of Grace Youth

**Sunday, March 10 - No Religious Ed classes — Spring Break.**

### Trinity University

**Sunday, March 10 - No Mass today**

**Sunday, March 17 - Confessions at 4:15 p.m., followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m. at Parker Chapel.**

## Parish Bulletin Deadline

If your ministry or parish organization needs something to be included in the bulletin, please submit the information by Friday afternoon before 5:00 PM for the following week's bulletin. Please email your request to [communications@olgsa.org](mailto:communications@olgsa.org).

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

**Psalm** — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

**Second Reading** — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

**Gospel** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday

**Monday:** Julian Calendar Lent begins

**Friday:** Abstinence

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Adoration begins each week after the 7:00 AM Mass on Monday morning and ends before the 5:30 PM Mass on Friday evening. *To sign up for an hour, please contact Becky or Eli Prieto at 210-685-6048 or eprieto2@sbcglobal.net or Cecilio Rodriguez at 210-723-6144 or CecilioRodriguez@aol.com.*

## ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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## Lenten Prayer Around the Cross

Bring your pain and the world’s pain  
around the Cross of Christ

Taize Style Prayer

Every Tuesday in Lent

Beginning **March 12**

7:00-9:00 PM

St. Brigid’s Convent Chapel

5118 Loma Linda Dr.

RSVP: 210-733-0701 or [sbc@brigidines.us](mailto:sbc@brigidines.us)

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**The Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** is recited after the 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses every Monday. All are welcome to join in praying this Novena for your special intentions.



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