

Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

**My eyes are always
on the Lord!**

Dios decidió promulgar su ley al pueblo que había escogido, por medio de Moisés. Esa ley se puede sintetizar en cuatro palabras: Yo soy el Señor (PRIMERA LECTURA). Después envió Dios a su Hijo para dar su gracia a los hombres. El Hijo fue un verdadero templo de Dios vivo en su humanidad, que vino al mundo humildemente y murió con el escándalo de la cruz (SEGUNDA LECTURA). El Hijo no dio más que una señal indudable de su misión: su propia resurrección (EVANGELIO).



Intenciones de las Misas

sáb. 03 04:30 pm	Vigilia del III Domingo de Cuaresma Missa Pro Pópulo
dom. 04 10:30 am	III Domingo Ordinario +Marta R. Vasquez (Vasquez Family) +Rosendo Rodriguez (Wife & Family) Por la Salud de Manuel Holguin (Familia)
Sun. 04 12:30 pm	III Sunday of Lent +Margarito Requejo (Family) +Silvestre & Dolores Torres (Herminia Torres)
Mon. 05	NO MASS
mart. 06 08:00 am	Día de la Semana de Cuaresma +Merced & Maria Galvan (Herminia Torres)
Wed. 07 08:00 am	Lenten Weekday Acción de Gracias a Cristo Jesús y Espíritu Santo (Olga Laurel)
juev. 08 08:00 am	Día de la Semana de Cuaresma +Jimmy Gallagher (Alice G. Keys)
Fri. 09 08:00 am	Lenten Weekday +Leocadio Duran (Rev. Deacon Hector & Ana Hernandez)
Sat. 10 08:00 am	Lenten Weekday Acción de Gracias a la Virgen Milagrosa y El Santísimo (Olga Laurel)

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of
+Jimmy Gallagher
(Alice G. Keys)

Good News!

March 4, 2018

Wisdom, Strength

A ceiling painting by Laureti is found in the Constantine Room of the papal apartments. It is a symbolic celebration of the triumph of Christianity over paganism, set in a classical architectural space. The remains of a crushed Hermes lies broken in pieces on the floor, while a crucifix of Jesus Christ sits upon the pedestal.

It is fitting that the painting crowns the papal hall honoring Constantine, the first Roman emperor to leave paganism and be baptized a Christian. Constantine had four basilicas built in Rome—including St. Peter's—and gave Christians freedom of religion in the Roman Empire.

The message is clear. The Romans worshiped statues of gods who were mere human creations and projections. In the statue's place is not just another statue but a crucifix that reminds us of a reality, a historical event. God himself became human in Jesus Christ and showed his divine strength by emptying himself and being crushed by our sins in order to forgive and win back a rebellious humanity.

This show of godly power through weakness is foolishness to the Gentiles and inconceivable to the Jews. Yet this humility and love is the wisdom that confounds and the strength that saves.

Religion isn't a business or human invention for personal enthronement. Jesus overturns this idea like he overturns the moneychangers' tables. Worship of God is all about accepting his initiative and humbly responding in the obedience of faith and the purifying joy of love.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Dear Padre

March 4, 2018

Much time is given to purify the vessels after Communion. At another parish, two people bring the cloth and unfold it on the altar before the gifts are presented. Shouldn't the preparation and cleanup of the table be less significant than the Eucharist itself?

Our liturgy is a beautiful expression of our faith, and we value its simplicity and grace. When we celebrate a liturgy, we keep in mind the nature of a particular part and its relationship to the whole celebration. We want the Eucharist to be the clear, central part of the liturgy.

The preparation of the gifts is a practical rite that gets us set for the eucharistic prayer; it is done with simplicity and few additional gestures. *The Roman Missal* says an "acolyte or another lay minister arranges the corporal on the altar" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 139) and places the chalice and other vessels. It seems appropriate for laypeople to help dress the altar, especially if they assist the entire Mass. Their actions should be inconspicuous and not extend the rite. These ministers can be lay faithful because they are encouraged to present the bread and wine, emphasizing the inclusive nature of the Eucharist (*GIRM* 140, 141).

The purification of vessels is tricky because it must be done by a priest, a deacon, or an instituted acolyte. Since churches use several vessels, this action can take time and be overemphasized. However, its placement in the Mass is flexible, taking place "after Communion, or after Mass" (*GIRM* 279) and should be "done briefly and inconspicuously" (*Introduction to the Order of Mass*, 138). These pastoral suggestions enable us to leave the purification of the vessels until after Mass so we maintain a proper focus on the Eucharist and the meditation that follows. —Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSSR

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CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL CAMPAIGN 2018

The Catholic Sharing Appeal Campaign began this week. Our participation in the past has proven that this parish is not only concerned with its own needs, but with those of others in the diocese that are less fortunate, as well as with different programs in the diocese that depend on our support. This year let us succeed and meet our goal of **\$15,149.27** and perhaps even exceed it.

Campaña Católica de Compartir 2018

La Campaña de Compartir empezó esta semana. Nuestra participación en el pasado ha demostrado que esta parroquia no sólo se preocupa por su propia necesidad sino por las necesidades de otros y por los diferentes programas en la diócesis que son menos afortunados y que dependen de nuestro apoyo. Esperamos tener éxito este año y cumplir la meta de **\$15,149.27** y quizás sobrepasar la meta.



CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR LENT

In addition to our regularly scheduled Saturday confessions, additional Lenten confessions will be heard:

Wednesday, March 7
from
7 pm to 8:30 pm

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

During Lent, as has been our custom in the past, we pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:00pm.

El Vía Crucis

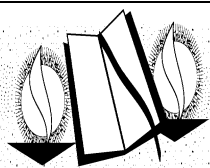
Durante la Cuaresma, como ha sido nuestra costumbre en el pasado, rezaremos el Vía Crucis los viernes a las 6:00 de la tarde.

SPRING BREAK

There will be no classes on March 11 for students attending our CCD program. Classes will resume on March 18.

Vacaciones de primavera

No habrá clases el 11 de marzo para los estudiantes que atienden las clases de religión. Los estudiantes regresan el 18 de marzo.



*LORD, you have the words
of everlasting life*

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Colecta de la Semana Pasada

Envelopes: \$2,526.00

Loose: \$277.00

Children's Envelopes: \$278.69

Total Sunday Collection: \$2,904.75

Total Expenses Last Week: \$4,978.99

SECOND COLLECTION

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports important Catholic organizations that carry out God's work around the world—providing refugee resettlement, HIV/AIDS and international poverty relief, legal aid for poor immigrants, emergency and disaster relief, and advocacy for the promotion of global peace and justice. In our diocese, The Catholic Relief Services Collection is scheduled for March 10-11, 2018. This is the perfect opportunity for us to express our compassion and generosity.

Segunda Colecta

La colecta de Catholic Relief Services brinda apoyo a importantes organizaciones Católicas que realizan el labor de Dios en el mundo: Proporcionando la reubicación de refugiados, ayuda internacional para luchar contra la pobreza y el VIH-SIDA, asesoría legal a inmigrantes pobres, auxilio en casos de emergencia y de desastre y actividades que abogan por la justicia y la paz mundial. En la Diócesis de Laredo la colecta Catholic Relief Services se llevará a cabo el 10 y 11 de marzo de 2016 y nos brinda la oportunidad perfecta para expresar nuestra compasión y generosidad.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Eva Escamilla, Pedro Murillo, Lorenza Valdez, Ruby Ann Inocencio, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Jorge Martinez, Fidela Ruiz, Dora Rodriguez, Pedro Malacara, Sister Thelma I. Gallegos, Ana Maria Trevino, Genoveva Ramirez, Deisy Garcia, Esther Salinas, David Riojas, Reynaldo Reyna, Victoria Carrillo and Chelo Ruiz.

2018 ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

Save the date and mark your calendar!

The date is Saturday, April 7, 2018

The theme is "**Disciples of Christ**"

The event is open to **ALL parishioners.**

Registration Fee \$30 per person (\$35 the day of the Conference)

Please make payable to:

DIOCESE OF LAREDO

The Registration Form is located in the entrances of the church.



CONFERENCIA DIOCESANA de 2018

¡Guardé la fecha y marce su calendario!

La fecha es el sábado 7 de abril

El tema es "**Discípulos de Cristo**"

El acontecimiento está abierto a **TODOS los feligreses.**

Inscripción \$30 por persona hoy (\$35 el día de la conferencia)

Favor de hacer su cheque a:

DIOCESE OF LAREDO

Formulario de inscripción estarán en las entradas de la iglesia.

CHRIST
the power & wisdom
of **GOD**

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