

MARCH 24, 2019 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



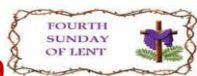
Mon. /Lun March 25 ✠ **Guillermina Savedra**
MASS 8:00 AM **Is 7:10-14,8:10/Heb**
The Annunciation **10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38**
Of the Lord

Tues/Mart. March 26 ✠ **Alfred Stank**
MASS 8:00 AM **Dn 3: 25,34-43**
 Mt 18:21-35

Wed./Mierc March 27 ✠ **Esteban Parra**
Mass 8:00 AM **Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5: 17-19**

Thurs/Juev March 28 Intentions of: **Rigoberto**
MASS 8:00AM and **Rita Frias**
 Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23

Fri./Vier March 29 ✠ **Guillermina Savedra**
MASS 8:00AM **Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34**



MARCH 31, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jos 5:9a,10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sat./Sábado March 30 ✠ **Bobby McWilliams**

Sun/Dom. 8:00AM **Maren Wilkinson**
10:30AM ✠ **Dan & Rose Matthews**
1:00PM ✠ **Juan Perez**

PASTOR'S CORNER

In today's Gospel Jesus appears as a Prophet and the main task of the prophet is to call the people to conversion. Conversion, the change of heart seems to be the common thread running through all the readings of today. Jesus in the Gospel considers the first incident of human cruelty perpetrated by Pilate and the second incident of loss of life due to natural causes as events of the Past and gives the parable of the fig tree to say that far from attempting to judge the sinfulness of others, everyone should interpret such events as a warning to take of stock of their own lives lest greater disaster befall them. He simply makes prophetic point that the time left for conversion may be short.

In the first reading from Exodus we see Moses encountering the living God. He is given the task of leading the people out of Egypt. He asks for the name of God to tell the people as to who sent him. The Lord reveals himself as, "I am who am". Moses' Personal encounter with God in the wilderness, and his call is to ask people to follow the call of this all holy God, whom they cannot see and whose image they cannot make. They will come to know this God if they commit to follow Moses to escape from Egypt. They must place their faith in Moses and in the unseen God whose name remains shrouded in mystery. This is a call for conversion.

In the second reading Paul warns the Corinthians that their celebration of the sacraments of Baptism or the Eucharist will not automatically guarantee salvation. Conversion is a continual and ongoing process in which they grow in knowledge of God who spoke to Moses mysteriously ("I am who am") and who became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. In our Lenten observance, our challenge is to know this God who reveals himself in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Mathew Kaviparayidam, TOR

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús aparece como un profeta y la tarea principal del Profeta es llamar a la gente a la conversión. Conversión, el cambio de corazón parece ser el hilo común que corre a través de todas las lecturas de hoy. Jesús en el Evangelio considera el primer incidente de la crueldad humana perpetrado por Pilato y el segundo incidente de la pérdida de vida debido a causas naturales como acontecimientos del pasado y da la parábola de la higuera para decir que lejos de intentar juzgar la pecaminosidad de otros, todos deberían interpretar tales acontecimientos como una advertencia para tomar acciones de sus propias vidas, para que no les caiga un desastre mayor. Simplemente hace punto profético que el tiempo que queda para la conversión puede ser corto.

En la primera lectura de éxodo vemos a Moisés encontrándose con el Dios viviente. Se le da la tarea de llevar a la gente fuera de Egipto. Él pide el nombre de Dios para decirle a la gente quién lo envió. El Señor se revela como: "yo soy quien soy". El encuentro personal de Moisés con Dios en el desierto, y su llamamiento es pedirle a la gente que sigan la llamada de Dios Santo, a quien no pueden ver y cuya imagen no pueden hacer. Vendrán a conocer a este Dios si se comprometen a seguir a Moisés para escapar de Egipto. Deben poner su fe en Moisés y en el Dios invisible cuyo nombre permanece envuelto en misterio. Esta es una llamada a la conversión.

En la segunda lectura, Pablo advierte a los Corintios que la celebración de los sacramentos del bautismo o de la Eucaristía no garantiza automáticamente la salvación. La conversión es un proceso continuo en el que crecen en el conocimiento de Dios que habló a Moisés misteriosamente ("yo soy quien soy") y que se hizo carne en la persona de Jesucristo. En nuestra observancia cuaresmal, nuestro desafío es conocer a este Dios que se revela en la muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo.

Offering Report	3/16/2019 03/17/2019	
Regular Offertory		
Mass	Collection	Attendance
Sat., 4 PM	\$4,103	251
Sun., 8 AM	\$2,654	199
Sun., 10:30 AM	\$6,168	515
Sun., 1:00 PM	\$1,243	450
TOTAL	\$14,168	1,445
All Masses		
Special Collections	\$215	
Building Fund	\$806	
Flowers	\$70	
Maintenance	\$875	
Children's Collection	\$57	
TOTAL	\$2,023	
TOTAL	\$16,191	

Lectors Needed: Interested in proclaiming the Word of God? Lector training will be held on Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 PM in the Church. I hope to see you there.



Extraordinary Ministers Needed: Assist in distributing the Body and Precious Blood of Christ to your fellow parishioners. Training will be held on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 PM in the Church. Enter on the Parish Hall side of the building. Your assistance is needed. Please join us.



PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM CLASSES
The Preparation for Baptism Classes will

continue every other month. The next Session is Thursday, April 4 at 6:30pm. All interested, please call the parish office 817-624-2184 to register. Baptisms interviews will continue as well, however, baptisms will not take place during the Lenten Season.

FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE
March 23, at 10:00AM
PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
March 28, 6:00PM – 8:30PM

Clean Up Day

PARISH SERVICE DAY IS SATURDAY, APRIL 6!

Time to break out those gloves, shovels, rakes, clippers, and trimmers:

Come join us on Saturday, April 6, 8:00 AM to “spruce up” St Thomas the Apostle.

There are flowerbeds to weed and mulch, small trees that need to be relocated, weeds to pull or kill, stones to lay, flowers to plant, and many other gardening landscaping tasks. Many hands make quick work!

For more information, contact Glee Luttmer, 817-205-3376, jluttmer@sbcglobal.net.

ATTENTION all Women

Attention Ladies: The St. Thomas Women’s Organization will be having their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30pm in the parish hall. All women are welcome!

Refreshments will be provided!

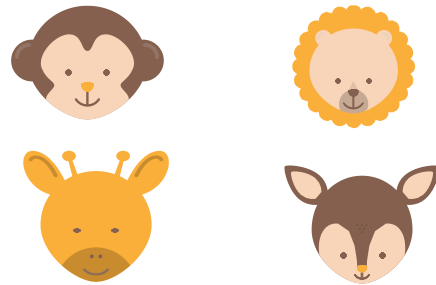
FESTIVAL – FOOD VENDORS MEETING

On March 31st, there will be a meeting for all FOOD VENDORS who will be participating in the Church Festival. Please join us, after the 1:00pm Mass, in the parish hall

FESTIVAL – REUNIÓN DE VENDEDORES DE ALIMENTOS

Habrà una junta para todos los VENDEDORES de ALIMENTOS que participarán en el Festival de la parroquia, a la 1 de la tarde el 31 de marzo.

St. Thomas the Apostle



Coming Soon.....

VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL

JUNE 17-21 from 9 AM - 12 PM

Registration details to come

“Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.”

-Pope Francis-

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FRIDAY NIGHTS IN LENT

Friday March 29 <i>Fish Fry</i>	English Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm Spanish Stations at 7:30pm	Bereavement Group Lead English Stations
Friday, April 5 <i>Fish Fry</i>	Stations of the Cross 6:00pm Spanish Stations at 7:30pm.	First Friday Adoration until 5:pm Adult Formation Leads English Stations.
Friday April 12	Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm Meatless Meal provided by Hispanic Comm. Stations of the Cross Spanish at 7:30pm.	Acolytes Lead English Stations
Good Friday April 19	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Fasting and Abstinence 2:45pm Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church. 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross 3:30pm Passion Service 6:00pm Spanish Divine Mercy Chaplet 6:30pm Spanish Live Stations of the Cross	Priest Lead English Stations.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, March 30 and 31, our parish will take up a second collection for Catholic Relief Services.

Catholic relief Services carries out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

SEGUNDA COLECCIÓN

El próximo fin de semana 31 de Marzo, nuestra parroquia llevará a cabo una segunda colección para los Servicios de Socorro Católicos.

Los servicios de socorro católicos llevan a cabo esfuerzos internacionales de socorro y solidaridad. Los programas incluyen alivio y reasentamiento para las víctimas de la persecución, la guerra y los desastres naturales; proyectos de desarrollo para mejorar las condiciones de vida de los pobres; servicios jurídicos y de apoyo a los inmigrantes pobres; trabajo de paz y reconciliación para las personas que sufren de violencia; y defensa en nombre de los impotentes.

Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Regulaciones para el Ayuno y Abstinencia en Cuaresma

In order to foster the spirit of penance and reparation for sin, self-denial, mortification, and to guide Her children in the footsteps of Our Divine Savior, Holy Mother Church imposes by law the observance of fast and abstinence. Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence (no meat)

Complete abstinence is observed on, **ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT**, and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

FASTING

Everyone, from 18 to 59 years of age is also bound to observe the law of fasting. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

PENANCE & GOOD WORK

We earnestly exhort the faithful during the period of Lent to: attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, frequently exercise piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and poor; practice voluntary self-denial, especially regarding alcoholic drinks and worldly amusements, pray more fervently, especially for the intentions of the Holy Father.

THE IMPORTANCE OF LENT

Lent shows us the true result of our sins—separation from our righteous and just God. During Lent, we contemplate our sinful condition and our need for a Savior—God-made-man, holy and sinless in his human nature. In our fallen condition, we are incapable to attain perfect sinlessness required by God.



During the season of Lent, we raise our prayers in praise, and through self-sacrifice we share with others our resources and talents



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Help sponsor our Festival by advertising your business with us.

Ayuda a patrocinar nuestro festival anunciando tu negocio con nosotros.

The three tiers of advertising are:

Los tres niveles de publicidad son:

Gold - \$500 sign on the stage, sign on a food booth, shoutouts throughout the day, a "Thank You" in the Church bulletin and three T-shirts.

Oro: \$500 rotulo en el escenario, anuncio en un puesto de comida anuncios durante todo el dia, un 'Gracias' en el boletín de la parroquia y tres camisetas.

Silver - \$250 sign on a booth, a Thank You" in the church bulletin, and two T-shirts

Plata - \$250 rotulo en un puesto, un "Gracias" en el boletín de la parroquia y dos camisetas.

Friends of the Church - \$50 and a "Thank You" in the Church Bulletin and one T-shirt.

Amigos de la Iglesia - \$50 y un "Gracias" en el boletín de la parroquia y una camiseta.

Non-monetary items will be accepted and needed. Please contact us if you can donate in any way.

Los artículos no monetarios, serán aceptados y son necesarios. Pongase en contacto con nosotros si puede donar de cualquier manera.

If you are interested in advertising with us, please contact Holly Roman 512 - 635- 7192 or Tracy Kukawka 817-201-6831

Si usted esta interesado en publicar con nosotros, comuniquese con: Holy Ramon 512-635-7192 o Tracy Kukawka 817-201-6831.

All proceeds go to the Saint Thomas the Apostle Building Fund.

Todos los ingresos van al Fondo de Edificación de Santo Tomás el Apóstol.

PARISH SPRING FESTIVAL MAY 18, 2019

We are building relationships with each other and our community. Come enjoy the day and meet your fellow Church members.

Live Entertainment Games & Prizes
Face Painting

Craft Booths
Yummy Food for Everyone!
And MORE!!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
5953 BOWMAN ROBERTS RD
FORT WORTH, TX 76179
817-624-2184

<http://www.sttafw.org>

FESTIVAL DE PRIMAVERA PARROQUIAL 18 DE MAYO, 2019

Estamos construyendo relaciones entre sí y con nuestra comunidad. Ven a disfrutar el día y conoce a tus compañeros miembros de la Iglesia.

Entretención en Vivo, Juegos y Premios
Pintura de la Cara
Puestos de artesanías y Comida deliciosa para todos!

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