

ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent

Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people?
They are almost ready to stone me." Exodus 17:4

Being a leader isn't always easy. Stewards are called to be leaders in faith, which involves sacrifice, courage, humility and a commitment to the words of Jesus, "What you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me."

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN

St. John the Evangelist, a Catholic Capuchin Franciscan Parish, welcomes all who are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaims His Gospel through prayer, worship, His Word, and the sacraments. Members, inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith formation and spiritual renewal, witness to the Gospel in lives of justice and charity, build up families and children through education, hospitality and fellowship, and serve those in need with compassion.

THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM
~PSALM 145:18

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday..... 4:30 pm

Sunday.....7:00 am, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday.....7:30 am

Saturday.....8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance)

Wednesday.....11:00 am-12:00 pm, 6:00-8:00 pm

Saturday.....3:00-4:00 pm

.....(and by appointment)

AdorationMon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 7:00 am—9:00 pm

..... in the Padre Pio Chapel

Bulletin Deadline

Submit info by **noon on Thursday** to bulletin@saint-johns.net

ten (10) days prior to the bulletin you wish info to appear.

Please submit text electronically (via computer/email) as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

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SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT

Visit online at: sjevangelist.com/school, call 785- 843-9511 or email Mr. Chris Reffett, Principal, at: reffett@saint-johns.net for more information and to schedule a tour for you and your student! St. John Catholic School has classes from pre-school through eighth grade.

VACANT POSITIONS AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL

Office Manager

Seeking an Office Manager with duties that include: answering phone calls, relaying messages, and managing the overall front office. The position will also include the collection of money from fees and invoices and will require knowledge in basic accounting. The position will also require the management of our online student information database as well as helping with completing several Kansas state reports. Must be familiar with Excel Spreadsheet and Word Processor programs. As the Office Manager, a basic knowledge of first aid will be helpful for taking care of student needs. Interested applicants should complete the application process at: www.archkckcs.org.

1st and 3rd grade positions

Interested applicants should complete the teacher application process at: www.archkckcs.org.

4th/5th Grade Science/ Social Studies

Seeking a 4th/5th grade teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Duties will include the development of classroom plans for the development of science and social studies. Interested applicants should complete the teacher application process at: www.archkckcs.org.

6th-8th Grade Science

Seeking a 6th-8th Grade teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Duties will include the development of classroom plans for the development of middle school science. Interested applicants should complete the teacher application process at: www.archkckcs.org.

ST. JOHN CYO BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

St. John CYO is hosting basketball open gym from **noon to 5:00 pm, every Sunday in March**. The cost is \$5 and all the money goes toward new athletic uniforms.



Sixth grade students read to the Preschool class in library.

RECYCLED SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We have a permanent location for the recycled uniforms down by the Library. All items are \$3 each.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

First Communion extra sessions for children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (aka Atrium) will be held on the following **Thursdays: March 19, March 26, April 2 and April 16**. Children who are in second or third grade will meet from **6:00 to 7:00 pm** in the Good Shepherd House located at 202 W 13th St. Children who are fourth grade and older will meet in the Paulina House located at 200 W. 13th St. The children preparing for First Communion should attend all extra sessions as well as their regular Atrium session.

First Communion parent sessions will meet in the St. John School building- room 202 (upstairs, turn left and go to second door on the left) on the same days and time (listed above). Parents should plan to attend the parent sessions to get more information about the retreat and have any questions answered.

Questions – Contact Lois at: lmersmann@saint-john.net or 785-843-0109.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Rebuild My Church

presents

“PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL ABUSE”

by

Jim Anderst, MD, MSCI

Dr. Anderst is a national expert in child abuse pediatrics. Parents, grandparents, & others who supervise children are encouraged to attend to learn how they can best protect their child from sexual abuse.

Thursday, March 26th

6:00pm - 7:00pm

St. John School Performance Arts Center

Child care provided

Attendance is restricted to members of St. John's Parish and St. John's School only.

Cosponsored by St. John's Religious Education and the Social Concerns for Peace & Justice Committee.



Knights of Columbus

Friday Fish Fry

Through April 3

5:00—7:00 pm

St. John Church Basement

ST. JOHN PARISH PRESENTS LIVING IN LOVE



Do not miss these 8 up-beat, engaging, and empowering mini workshops designed to release joy and enthusiasm in every couple's relationship – every day!

“Smart Loving”

“The Passionate Couple”

“Talking with Purpose”

“Living the Dream”

Each are packed with practical strategies, everyday skills, liberating insights, and experiential exercises and include state of the art printed material. Every Day in Love empowers couples to live “in love” consistently, not just for their own sake but for the sake of those around them.

Thursday Evenings: March 19, March 26, April 2, April 16, April 23, April 30, and May 7

Time: 6:30 pm fellowship and optional dinner & drinks/ \$15 per person. Session begins from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Location: St. Bosco Room in the lower level of St. John Parish School

While the ideal is to make all eight, each session can stand alone. Every day in Love is open to all! For more information go to www.livinginlove.org/our-programs/every-day-in-love or register by emailing Samantha Romero at:

sromero@saint-johns.net or 785-843-0109.

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PRESENCE: OPEN BIBLE STUDY

Looks like bread, tastes like bread. Just what are we really receiving when we hold out our hands and say “Amen”. Come explore the mystery of the Eucharist and Encounter Jesus in the Sacrament like never before!

<https://watch.formed.org/presence/videos/presence-trailer>. Contact Suzy for more information 785-550-8357 or Suzy@Suzynovotny.com

Begins **Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 pm** with an encore

Saturday, March 28 at 9:00 am.

There will be three sessions (same content covered Tuesday evening with encore on Saturday morning) of this open bible study and you are welcome to attend one or all of them.

The dates for the Open Bible Study are:

March 24 or March 28

March 31 or April 4

April 14 or April 18

Location: **St. John Parish School lower level-St. Bosco Room**



ST. JOHN MEXICAN FIESTA SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are offered to qualifying students of Mexican descent from the Lawrence Catholic community who wish to pursue or continue a higher education either at a college, technical or trade school. Applicants must complete the financial assistance application form that is available at the **St. John Parish office** or by contacting Michael Ramirez at 785-766-5723 or ramirezmarj@hotmail.com. Please **complete and return to St. John Parish office by April 13.**

Third Week of Lent: Have you ever been hungry? What did that feel like?

In the Gospel story, Jesus asked people in the crowd to share the food they had with others. Why do you think he did that? How do you think they felt about sharing their food? How would you feel about sharing your food with strangers? Visit csricebowl.org for more information.

To get a rice bowl for this Lenten season see the back of the church.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION

As I was listening to the children singing "Shepherd Me Oh, God" by Marty Haugen during school mass, I found myself contemplating that this song is full of meaning for those affected by foster care.

When contemplating taking action on behalf of children in foster care reflect upon "Shepherd me oh, God beyond my wants, beyond my fears." This song also could guide our prayers for the children in foster care and those caring for them. Gently You raise me (them) and heal my (their) weary soul.

During Lent, consider meditating on the words of this song on behalf of the children and families touched by foster care. These prayers for foster care families, are a way your faith can be deepened.

If you are looking for ways to help, contact me. Patti Fisher **913-269-8411** or email Givethemafuture@gmail.com

SECOND COLLECTION TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at: www.uscch.org/catholic-relief.

CLASS WITH FATHER BARNABAS

The final week of Father Barnabas' short series of classes on the topic of salvation are happening later in March. I am sure many of you have been asked by evangelical friends and acquaintances, "Are you saved or have you been born again?" We are taking a look at the different answers given by Catholics and non-Catholics to the question of salvation of how we are made right before God-that is "justified" before God. We will be going through the "Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification" created and agreed to by the Catholic Church's pontifical council for promoting Christian Unity and the Lutheran World Federation in 1999. The final classes are at **9:00 am Saturday, March 21, in the Bosco Room** in the school, with an encore class at **7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 24, also in the Bosco Room.**



Catholic Jewelry and Rosaries

March 21/22
March 28/29

Available for purchase after all Masses

Easter Confirmation
First Holy Communion

Thoughtfully timed for:

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Information below reflects donations received July 1, 2019 through March 8, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$29,807.69
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$29,403.06
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	\$1,073,076.84
Actual collection fiscal YTD	\$1,058,510.42
Net Shortage	\$14,566.42

Visit: www.sjevangelist.com/giving for more information or to set up and manage your account today!

Contact Cris Denning at: cdenning@saint-johns.net or by phone at **785-843-0109** if you have any questions.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor

Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

We have all watched with great concern as the coronavirus has made its way throughout the world. Following is some good information relevant to the coronavirus, followed by a relevant prayer from America Magazine, a Jesuit publication.

How To Make Your Own Hand Sanitizer

Here's what you need:

- 2/3 cup Isopropyl alcohol 91% (rubbing alcohol)
- 1/3 cup aloe vera gel
- Essential oil in your choice of fragrance (optional)
- A small or medium mixing bowl
- A spoon
- An empty container, such as a 3-ounce container from a travel toiletries kit
- A small piece of masking tape for labeling

Here's how to make it:

In a mixing bowl, stir Isopropyl alcohol and aloe vera gel together until well blended.

Add 8-10 drops of scented essential oil (optional, but nice!). Stir to incorporate.

Pour the homemade hand sanitizer into an empty container and seal. Write "hand sanitizer" on a piece of masking tape and affix to the bottle.

The CDC recommends using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content. This recipe makes a sanitizer that slightly exceeds that alcohol content at 60.66%, so follow the proportions exactly. If you want a sanitizer with a higher alcohol percentage, decrease the amount of aloe vera to 1/4 cup.

Of course, hand sanitizer is the second-best way to keep your digits germ-free. The No. 1 way, according to the CDC, is to properly wash your hands.

--Oregon Live

Follow Five Steps to Wash Your Hands the Right Way

Washing your hands is easy, and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community—from your home and workplace to childcare facilities and hospitals.

Follow these five steps every time.

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.—CDC (Centers for Disease Control)

A Coronavirus Prayer

Kerry Weber

March 02, 2020

A woman wearing a mask prays during Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hanoi, Vietnam, Feb. 26, 2020, amid the coronavirus outbreak. (CNS photo/Kham, Reuters)



Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.
Amen.

--Kerry Weber, Executive Editor, America Magazine

JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network working for justice

What are we doing at St. John Parish to get ready for our Justice Matters' April 20 Nehemiah Action Assembly?

On February 29, nearly 40 St. John parishioners gathered for a network meeting to hear updates on the three issues for this year's action assembly.

Jail alternatives -- implementing more and better alternatives to incarceration to decrease the jail population. Justice Matters, as well as other citizens, have asked during public comments at a number of recent county commission meetings for the opportunity to vote on the use of funds for a bond issue to finance a jail expansion.

Restorative justice practices in the school district – to eliminate or decrease out of school suspensions to avoid interruption of learning and break the school to prison pipeline. One parishioner shared her own experience as a child and how she has hopes for better outcomes for her own young children.

Homelessness – during a recent point in time count, volunteers counted nearly 400 persons without homes – but there are those in the know who estimate the count in Lawrence and Douglas County is closer to 2000. There are programs in other communities that have eliminated homelessness that are being considered for our area.

Those present choose names of other parishioners to invite to the Solutions Briefing on March 23 at River City Church to learn about the proposed solutions being recommended by the

research groups and to be informed supporting participants at the **April 20 Nehemiah Action Assembly at the Lied Center**. If you do not receive an invitation, please consider this your invite and let any of our parish Justice Matters members know you want a ticket for the event. For more information please contact Pat Lechtenberg, plek10berg@aol.com.



On March 2 and March 7, information sessions co-sponsored by St. John Justice Matters network and St. John Social Concerns Committee hosted Loring Henderson, director of DARE (Drop-In and Rest) Center, Renee Kuhl, executive director of the Lawrence Community shelter, Ruth Entwistle and Sylvia Scoby of the Justice Matters Research Group on Homelessness sharing reasons for people being without homes, how the shelter functions and known solutions in others communities and updates on where the research is leading to possible solutions.

Our parish goal for participation in the Nehemiah Action Assembly is 200 – just a small fraction of the average number who attend church 52 or more times a year. Just once a year we need 'people power' to influence elected officials and key decision makers to seriously consider recommended proposals for meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters in need. Please mark your calendar for **April 20** – save that date for one day of the year that YOU can make a difference.

SUMMER CAMPS AT ST. JAMES ACADEMY

Summer Camps at St. James Academy High School

Summer sports camps are exciting opportunities for youth to interact with high school coaches and players. Learn about the St. James community and experience our team spirit while participating in activities during the break from school.

Registration now open: sjathunder.org/camps



BENEDICTINE YOUTH CONFERENCE

This summer, take your teens to a conference they will never forget. Bring them to BCYC Encounter, **July 12-14**, where they will experience Benedictine Spirituality at a Newman Guide school with the highest rated Ministry program in the nation.

www.Benedictine.edu/youthoutreach



SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS GRADE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

During June and July, Saint Thomas Aquinas High School provides a variety of summer camps for students entering grades K through 8 to explore. Our summer camps give students the chance to discover their potential in both sports and other activities. Registration and further information is available online, through our website at: www.stasaints.net/summercamps. We look forward to providing a positive camp experience not only for your son or daughter, but for their friends as well! For questions, please email the Athletic Office at: bttriggs@stasaints.net or call **913-319-2416**.

DACA, THE SUPREME COURT AND WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

DACA, THE SUPREME COURT AND WHY YOU SHOULD CARE will be offered at the **Lawrence Public Library (LPL) on March 25, 7:30 pm**. Hear a lawyer, student advisor, community advisor and local DACAmented resident discuss the options of the Court decision and the ramifications for DACA recipients and their communities. Sponsored by the Lawrence Interfaith Refugee and Immigrant Ministry (LIRIMinistry@gmail.com) and LPL.

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Center to request someone for the "Prayer List." **Thank you** on behalf of the families of those individuals for whom we pray.

Nicole Allensworth
Andrew Bouchard, son of Steve & Patti Fisher
Susan Guenther Brown, friend of Craig Fincham
Curtis Burns, friend of Joe & Bev Mater
Roger Caldwell, brother of Leila Soper
Garrett Dreiling
Linda Erp, mother of Emily Vigne
Joanne Feist, friend of Ginny Short
Colette Fisher
Linda Flyer, friend of Le Marie Gilbert
Janet Fox, family of Norb & Jeanette Otter
Rudy Fritz
Ed Garza
Marianne Gowen
Bonnie Griggs
Tony Guadian
Buddy Hadl, brother of Shirley Steffen
Michael Hamer
Lonna Hamm, daughter of Larry & Martha Hamm
Mary Hane
Peggy Harders, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter
Newt Hasson
Dustin Harper-Head, great-nephew of Mary Head
Lori Haynes, friend of Fleda Umscheid
Luke Henry, nephew of Galen & Beth Uhrich
Kathy Higley
Dianne Hofmann
Bob Holek
Tina Jinkens
Michele Johnson
Allen Kehde
Diana Matthews
Leo Mauler, son of Al & Marcy Mauler
Russ McDonald
Jim McMurray
Ed Medrano

Zackary Messerly, nephew of Debra Bradley
Linden Morgan
Lisa Morrow-Welsh, daughter of Linda Brey
Augustus Nelson
Danny Nguyen
Diane Nichols, sister of Phyllis Stone
Theophilus Obiefule
Josephine Ramirez
Eva Ricketts, mother of Ingrid Hartman
Joel Rivera
Virginia Romero
Jon Rossillon
James Sandy
Alexander Ramirez Salazar
Jerry Scherer
Greg Schurer, brother of Mick Schurer
Julia Scott, friend of Monica Cordova
Mary Kay Seidl, sister of Loretta Seidl
Pete Sethatut, father of Paula Higbie
Christine Shipley
Gerald Simon
Brett Smith
Meyer Sneed, son of Taylor & Melissa Sneed
Linda Snyder, aunt of Dan Taylor
Cameron Stupansky, friend of Kathy Colson
Jack Taylor, brother of Daniel Taylor
Deloris Tharp
Amelia Tinio
Mary Vannicola
Cindy Vasquez, sister of Gina Hodges
Trent Wallace
Jeanette Walker
Ted Walker
Susan Williams
Nancy Wright
Jon Yarnell
MEMORIAM
-ANDREW GARCIA, JR.

MASS INTENTIONS: MARCH 16 – 22

Monday: 7:30am Bonita Holtkamp
Tuesday: 7:30am..... Jaunita Bailey
Wednesday: 7:00am Caterino Vidal Florest
Thursday: 7:30am..... Andrew Garcia, Jr.
Friday: 7:30am..... Maureen Osbornet
Saturday: 8:00am Danny Nguyen
 4:30pm..... Parishioners of St. John
Sunday: 7:00am Enriqueta Valverde
 8:30am Ramon Gonzalez
 11:00am..... Milly Gillispie
 2:00pm(Sp.)Blanca, George & Jorge Cisneros
 5:00pm..... Ramon Romero

MINISTERS MAR 21– MAR 22

LECTORS

Saturday
 4:30pm D Rogers, A Sellet

Sunday
 7:00am..... B Kish, C Zebas
 8:30am B Smith, W Smith
 11:00am J Gripka, C Ehrlich
 5:00pm..... M Williams, D Koger

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday
 4:30pm H Mattes, A Mattes

Sunday
 7:00am..... L Alexander, F Alexander
 8:30am S Liu
 11:00am M Green, J Green, E Green
 5:00pm K Whitley, R Prier

CANTORS

Saturday
 4:30pm T Noll

Sunday
 7:00am..... M Steichen
 8:30am..... A Zysk

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday
 4:30pm R Entwistle, D & K Guth,
 J Halderman, L Heiserman, A Hewitt

Sunday
 7:00am..... J Romme, J Grzymala-Busse, M Heath
 8:30am..... G Diepenbrock, J Fox, S Galarza,
 E Grob-Creasey, D Hoss, M Ice, C Johnson
 11:00am A Brill, C Buchheister, B DeWitt,
 C & D Ehrlich, S Goodwin, P Gripka
 5:00pm L Brey, C Garcia, S File,
 P & R Houle, M LeGresley

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-1

Dios es un mago que de la nada saca las cosas, como de una galera (Génesis 1)

Recuerdo que, hace muchísimo tiempo, cuando era un chiquilín de cinco años, mi padre me llevo al Circo Sarrasani, muy famoso, que pasaba por Córdoba. Un mundo de gente me rodeaba, y me sentía un granito de arena o una pequeña estrella, en medio de la multitud. Payasos haciendo "payasadas", o sea, las tonteras que hacen para que quince no somos tontos, nos doblemos en dos de risa. Trapecistas que, a mi corto entender de ese entonces, me parecía que volaban a mil metros de altura, como águilas. Caballos en gran cantidad, blanquísimos, montados por hermosas señoritas. Perros que jugaban a la pelota. Osos que boxeaban. Monos que hacían "monadas" para que yo me riera de ellos. Tigres y leones que obedecían al chasquido del látigo del domador, siempre vestido de frac. Hombres-bala ... Una bella rubia metida en un cajón y serruchada por la mitad por un señor con cara de muy malo. Todo esto me llenaba los ojos y no sabía si reír o llorar, pero de contento que estaba. Sin embargo, lo que más me llamo la atención fue un mago: vestía de negro, con saco brillante y una alta galera. Esa galera y los pases mágicos que hacía a cada rato, me dejaron mudo y boquiabierto, ¿Cómo podían caber en su galera treinta pañuelos grandes que salían de ella atados, cuando los había metido sueltos? ¿Cómo hacía el señor mago para sacar de la galera un conejo? Y, cuando después de unas palabras secretas y de leves movimientos de mano sobre la galera, salió volando una paloma, me pare electrizado y me puse a gritar, mientras aplaudía y quería más y más, insaciable. Hoy no tengo cinco años ni voy al circo ni creo en los magos. Sigo sorprendiéndome por lo que hacen y no sé, a ciencia cierta, como lo hacen, pero ... no me importa demasiado. Pensado en la elaboración de este mini cuento, mi imaginación voló, algo loca, y, como produce imágenes, intente imagina lo inimaginable. Pensé en Dios vestido de negro brillante, con una galera en su mano. Me costó figurarme "la nada". ¿Cómo ponerle forma, límites y colores, si era eso ..., nada? Entonces, como Dios era "alguien", lo imaginé a él..., vestido de negro brillante, como ya lo dije. No hacia pases mágicos, porque no era un mago, aunque tenía "magia". Yo imaginaba solo voces: - ¡Que exista la luz! ¡Que haya un firmamento! ¡Que nazcan las aguas y la tierra! ¡Que haya lunas y estrellas y galaxias y ballenas y palomas y gorriones! Y los cielos y las tierras y las aguas se poblaron de vida. Como es evidente, todo ello iba saliendo de la galera ... Al sexto día, un bello día de flores y colores, el Gran Mago se miró al espejo, tomo polvo de la tierra, susurro unas pocas palabras y reconocí mi imagen y la de mis padres y de a mis tíos y abuelos y la de mis amigos ... Ese día, la galera no pudo aguantar semejante contenido y explota, como una bomba atómica explota. También en mi imaginación, la nada era plasmada, negra, sombría y fría ... Cuando desperté de mi "ensoñación", la vi escapar, derrotada y llena de vergüenza, mientras la luz que salía de los labios del Mago llenaba la escena. No tengo ya cinco años (¡qué pena y que suerte!), pero también hoy me paré el electrizado y me puse a gritar, mientras aplaudía y quería más y más, insaciable ... Cuando los magos saquen algo de sus galeras, no digas: - ¡Ohhh!, creyendo que son Dios: son buenos prestidigitadores y nada más. Pero cuando Dios haga una de las suyas, sacando todo de la nada o devolviendo la vida al pecador, grita con todas tus fuerzas: - ¡Ohhhhhh! ¡Esto no puede ser hecho, sino por el que puede hacerlo!

_ "Cuentos bíblicos cortitos," Héctor Muñoz.

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CATECISMO EN ESPAÑOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para mas información llamar a Maria Mota.

CONFESIONES

De **1:00 pm a 1:45 pm** Habrá confesiones en español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 15 DE MARZO

Domingo: Ex 17, 3-7/Sal 95, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9/Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8/Jn 4, 5-42 o 4, 5-15. 19-26. 39. 40-42

Lunes: 2 Re 5, 1-15/Sal 42, 2. 3; 43, 3. 4 [cfr. Sal 42, 3]/Lc 4, 24-30

Martes: Dn 3, 25. 34-43/Sal 25, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9 [6]/Mt 18, 21-35

Miércoles: Dt 4, 1. 5-9/Sal 147, 12-13. 15-16. 19-20 [12]/Mt 5, 17-19

Jueves: 2 Sm 7, 4-5. 12-14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29/Rom 4, 13. 16-18. 22/Mt 1, 16. 18-21. 24 o Lc 2, 41-51

Viernes: Os 14, 2-10/Sal 81, 6-8. 8-9. 10-11. 14 y 17 [cfr. 11 y 9]/Mc 12, 28-34

Sábado: Os 6, 1-6/Sal 51, 3-4. 18-19. 20-21 [cfr. Os 6, 6]/Lc 18, 9-14

Domingo siguiente: 1 Sm 16, 1b. 6-7. 10-13/Sal 23, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 [1]/Ef 5, 8-14/Jn 9, 1-41 o 9, 1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

ST. JOHN LINK ON TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020

Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) is located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, and provides nutritious meals to 150 people in need. Our parish helps LINK by rotating with other Lawrence churches to furnish food and volunteers.

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Email _____ Evening Phone _____

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9



FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Chili - 11 batches of Chili. Each batch needs to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your meal and volunteers will remove it immediately, you can take your pan/pot, and you are done.

- I can make one batch I can make two batches

Vegetarian Chili or Casserole - 1 batch to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your meal and volunteers will remove it immediately, you can take your pan/pot, and you are done.

- I can make one batch

Bananas - 120 bananas needed. When you sign up to bring bananas, we ask that you bring 15 bananas.

- I can bring 15 bananas I can bring 30 bananas

Salad - Be creative. Bring enough to serve 15 people.

- I can bring one salad I can bring two salads

Salad Dressing

- I can bring one bottle I can bring two bottles

Sliced Peaches - We need 4 large cans of sliced peaches.

- I can bring 2 large cans I can bring 4 large cans

Green Beans

- I can bring 1 can I can bring 2 cans

Shredded Cheddar Cheese - We need 5lb of cheese.

- I can bring 1lb. of cheese I can bring 2 lbs. of cheese

Loaf of Bread-Wheat or White

- I can bring 1 loaf I can bring 2 loaves

Fritos - We need 5 large bags.

- I can bring 1 bag I can bring 2 bags

Crackers - We need 3 boxes

- I can bring 1 box I can bring 2 boxes

Milk - We need 10 gallons of 2% milk.

- I can bring 1 gallon I can bring 2 gallons I can bring 3 gallons

Return this form in collection plate or Parish Office, or contact: vickimcmurray1944@gmail.com

Bring items to the LINK kitchen located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, on **March 31 between 11:30 am and 12:00 pm.**

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Servers - 9 volunteers needed. There are two shifts available.

- 11:30am-2:00pm — prep work and serving
 12:45pm-2:30pm — serving and clean up

Help in the Kitchen - 5 volunteers needed. There are two types of jobs available.

- 12:30pm-3:00pm — dishwashing
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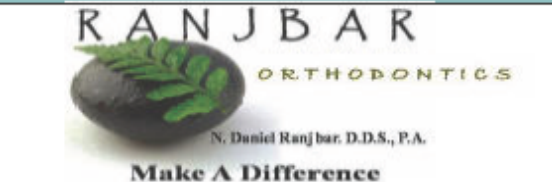


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