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St. John

The Evangelist Catholic Church Holy Week Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 14

Morning prayer at 7:30 am - No morning Mass
School Stations of the Cross at 8:30 am
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm
~Washing of the feet
Adoration in the church until Midnight
Night Prayer at 11:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15

Morning prayer at 7:30 am - No morning Mass
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 pm
~Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 16

Morning prayer at 8:00am - No morning Mass
Easter Food Blessing at 11:00 am
Easter Vigil Liturgy at 8:30 pm
~Blessing of Fire, Exsultet, Scriptures, Gloria
~Blessing of Water, Baptism, Renewal of Baptism Promises
Reception following in the church basement

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17

Mass times are 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am and
1:00 pm (Spanish) - No 5:00 pm Mass.

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.

**“IF THEN YOU REMAIN CONSTANT IN YOUR FAITH IN THE FACE OF TRIAL,
THE LORD WILL GIVE YOU PEACE AND REST FOR A TIME IN THIS WORLD,
AND FOREVER IN THE NEXT.”**

-St. Jerome Emiliani

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Office Hours.....**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**

Monday-Friday8:30 am - 4:00 pm

After 2:30 pm please call a staff member's direct extension.

Thank you.

Weekend Masses

Saturday.....8:00 am, 4:30 pm

Sunday.....7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,

.....1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am; Wednesday 5:30 pm (SP); Friday 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

***See Page 3 of the bulletin for Reconciliation times**

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

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PARISH NEWS and Events

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am
Wednesday: 5:30 pm; Friday: 12:10 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 11:00 am – Noon; 6:15-7:15pm
Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm
Or by appointment

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Please contact the parish office for a registration form at **785-843-0109** or complete the online registration on the parish website: sjevangelist.com



LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and all the Fridays of Lent. Catholics 18 to 59 years of age are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday — a fast consisting of one normal meal and two lesser meals, with no eating in between. It is also recommended that Catholics find opportunities throughout the Lenten season to complement their fasts with prayer, reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, and positive works of charity.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

After a long hiatus we are resuming the use of altar servers at Mass. All of our previously trained servers, and anyone 3rd grade through 99 years of age who is interested in learning, are invited and encouraged to sign up to help. There will be training sessions to get you prepared and to remember how to do it. We hope to be able to start having servers on Palm Sunday weekend, April 9-10, so we need all of you experienced servers to help us. Contact Lisa at the parish office for more information at:

lroush@sjevangelist.com, 785-843-0109.

LENT 2022 OBSERVANCES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent at 6:00 pm in the Church
(this does not include Good Friday, April 15)

ADORATION

In the Church every Tuesday of Lent
from 7:00-8:00 pm
(does not include Tuesday of Holy Week, April 12)

CONFESSIONS

In the Padre Pio chapel and, when two priests are available, in the cry room.
Every Tuesday of Lent during Adoration 7:00-8:00 pm
(different for April 12)
Every Wednesday from 11:00 am-noon; 6:15-7:15 pm
Every Saturday in Lent from 2:30-4:00 pm
(does not include Holy Saturday, April 16 - no scheduled confessions on April 16) March 28, 29, 30, and 31 from 7:00-8:00 pm each night
April 12 from 6:00-8:00 pm

99 EFFECTIVE WAYS TO EVANGELIZE AS A CATHOLIC

No. 9: Keep Sunday's holy. Try not to spend money or engage in competitive organized sports on the Sabbath. Try not to do things that require others to work on Sundays.



DIVE DEEPER INTO HOLY WEEK

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage is a 30 minute pilgrimage film which walks through the locations of the Holy Week Story, representing the most important days in human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape and reality of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sponsored by FORMED.org

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/triduum>

PARISH NEWS and Events

LENTEN FISH FRY

**St. John Lenten Fish Fry Fridays return
April 1 and April 8**

Sponsored by your Knights of Columbus

Join us in the church basement from 5 to 7 pm
either before or after Stations of the Cross
for our traditional menu.

**Baked Talapia, Fried Catfish, Fish Tacos, Pasta and Sauce
with Homemade Bread, Mac n Cheese, French Fries,
Hush Puppies, cookies and beverages
as well of lots of smiles with your friends
at our community reunion.**

**Eat in with us is preferred, but take out is also available.
Prices: \$8 for fish meals and \$6 for pasta meals**



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION

All are invited to the following activities in Lawrence to learn more about Divine Mercy and prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 24**.

April 15 thru April 23 - All are invited to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at **2:45 pm** on Good Friday before Stations of The Cross and at **3:00 pm** for the following eight days at St. John the Evangelist Church.

April 24 - All are invited to come join us to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at St. Lawrence Center at **11:00 am**. The chaplet will be recited at **10:40 am**.

For more information please leave a message with Darci Depenbusch at **785-393-1161** or Suzy Novotny at **785-550-8357** or email snovotny47@gmail.com.



TAIZÉ STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for a prayerful journey through the Stations of the Cross based on those prayed by Pope John Paul II, accentuated with Taizé chants and periods of silence, **Friday April 8 at 6:00 pm in the church.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through this collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, please visit: www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday. Please be generous.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP



The St. John Women's prayer group will meet on **Tuesday, April 26** via zoom at **6:30 pm**, drop-ins are welcome. For more information please contact Cheryl Hicklin at: **785-691-5607**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Come! . . . Arise my love, my beautiful one, and come! For see the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. During the this joyful Easter Season, as we celebrate the risen Christ and the promise of new life, come away and tend to the garden of your marriage. The next

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience, will be **April 29 - May 1**, at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. For more information, visit the website at: www.WWME.org, and follow us on Facebook. To apply for the weekend you can go online or call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at **816-741-4066**, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Did you know... Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond the societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offence against the human dignity.

PARISH NEWS and Events

VIRTUS, PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS

All employees of the Archdiocese (including clergy and consecrated laymen and laywomen) and all volunteers (including Vacation Bible School volunteers), over the age of 18, who have substantial contact with children and/or youth, in the school or church, are required to submit a background check and attend VIRTUS, the awareness session of the Archdiocese's child abuse program, Protecting God's Children for Adults, prior to working with children or youth.

All VIRTUS sessions are online, **however, this will be changing soon.** You will need to register an account with our Archdiocese and complete the background check and paperwork.

Go to: <https://www.virtusonline.org>.

1. Click on "First-Time Registrant"
2. Click on "Begin the registration process."
3. On the "Select" organization drop-down menu, select "Kansas City in Kansas (Archdiocese)".
4. Create a User ID and Password, complete the profile information, and select a class to attend.
5. You must complete the background check and paperwork at this point.
6. Plan to have 20-30 minutes to register and complete the online paperwork. The system will not allow you to save what you start working on and return at a later time to complete. DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON ON THE ADDRESS BAR, OR IT WILL DELETE YOUR PROGRESS AND YOU WILL HAVE TO START OVER.
7. VIRTUS Registration MUST BE DONE ON A COMPUTER, not a tablet, iPad or phone. The system will not allow these devices due to security reasons.



If you have any questions, contact Meg Milburn at: mmilburn@sjevangelist.com or 785-843-0109.

THANK YOU ST. JOHN PARISH

Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus with donations to the Po Life baby shower during the months of January and February.

The people of Saint John's donated approximately \$2,200 worth of supplies that will be donated to the Insight Women's Center in Lawrence. This organizations helps families who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



SUPPLEMENTAL CHURCH CLEANING:

We have a beautiful church and beautiful people who clean every Friday. We are in need of supplemental crews helping with the floors beneath the pews, the pews themselves, dusting, the child care room, steps from choir loft to basement, and the narthex (vestibule area). This would be at least once a month (more often if enough people sign on). Mr. Jeff Jenicke will have all appropriate supplies on hand, but if you have a safe miracle cleaner, bring it along. Please call Meg in the office and she will put you on the list and you will be contacted. Thank you.



ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL MISSION

Faith-Knowledge-Service-Growth

All St. John Catholic School students will be challenged to grow in their faith and knowledge, learn to show respect and compassion for themselves and others, and live their beliefs through service in their community and the world.

All are welcome!

SCHOOL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

CYO DIRECTOR

St. John Parish is looking for a CYO Director for the 2022-2023 school year. The responsibilities of this position include organizing practice and game schedules, preparing for home games, and managing paperwork for participating athletes.

If interested, please email Chris Reffett at: creffett@sj eagles.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By The Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

Recently, Daniel P. Horan, OFM., identified five Christian virtues that we might use to help us in building and living in a new normal. These ideas are intriguing and are worth sharing:

1. Patience

While Thomas Aquinas argues that the virtue of patience is not technically the "greatest" of the virtues, in the age of pandemic — and this liminal period of pandemic-toward-endemic — patience may be the most important virtue. People are tired, worn down, frightened and approaching reentry into social and public life with understandable trepidation. The hardship and suffering that this pandemic has wrought does not justify treating other people with disrespect, but the circumstances can help explain why so many people are less tolerant and exercise less restraint on personal bad behavior.

We need to consciously remember to be patient with others and ourselves as we continue to adjust to changing circumstances. As a frequent traveler before the pandemic, Fr. Dan believes he cultivated a practice of forbearance and patience that served him well in the course of the many small and large inconveniences and frustrations that come with being so itinerant. However, as he's eased back into traveling more often again, he has noticed ways that he feels more easily irritable and annoyed. What was once second nature is now a virtue in need of practice and cultivation.

2. Humility

Working on humility, for him, means owning his limitations and acknowledging the impacts of the last two years of challenge, loss and suffering.

Humility. He needs to recognize that this pandemic has and continues to exert a noticeable toll on him as it does on so many others. It is OK to do less, to take one's time, to recognize that just as it was not easy to stop the whole world in March 2020, it is not easy to restart it now. Working on humility

means owning our limitations and acknowledging the impacts of the last two years of challenge, loss and suffering, while also accepting that there are long-term consequences that will manifest in various ways.

3. Empathy

In many ways, this characteristic flows from both patience and humility. Fr. Dan believes that a lot of the disrespectful behavior we have been witnessing in public arises in part from a lack of empathy. Everyone is dealing with these challenging times differently. We have to remember that we may not know others' burdens, sorrows or suffering, and so we should treat everybody with love and understanding. Something as simple as remembering that others are also going through hardships can make a major difference.

4. Trust

This pandemic has made even the most trusting person suspicious of others, if only as potential vectors of COVID-19. This skepticism has combined with the conspiracy theories and nonsense of the disinformation age, resulting in widespread distrust of others in general and public authorities in particular. But in order for us to move toward a better way of living and being in the world, we need to build back our sense of trust.

5. Flexibility

If there's one thing that the pandemic has taught Fr. Dan, it is that he needs to be more flexible. The luxury of sure plans and inflexible schedules is a thing of the past (if they ever existed). One thing that appears over again in the gospels is Jesus's ability to respond to whatever and whoever is before him with grace and hospitality, including during unpredictably stressful times such as when thousands needed to be fed (Matt 14:13-21, Lk 9:12-17). How are we adjusting to changing circumstances?

These virtues and characteristics are not a panacea for all that we continue to face during these challenging times, but they may help us to navigate the uncertain road ahead in a manner reflecting our shared Christian vocation.

READINGS FOR APRIL 10 WEEK

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15,

32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35



STEWARDSHIP of Generosity

Holy Week

Remember to turn in your rice bowl by **April 14**. Thank you for your generosity.



Visit: <https://www.crsricebowl.org> for more information. To get a rice bowl for this Lenten season see the back of the church.



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.

Steven Avila
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 Mary Kay Seidl
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 Shawn Short
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 Scott Smith
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 Cameron Stupansky
 Jack Taylor
 Deloris Tharp
 Amelia Tinio
 Fleda Umscheid
 Enriqueta Valverde
 Oren Van Wallegem

Cindy Vasquez
 Jeanette Walker
 Ted Walker
 Susan Williams
 Jon Yarnell
 Dena Yepa
 Ruth York

IN MEMORIAM
 JODY WOODS

APRIL 11 – APRIL 17

Mon: 7:30 am.....James Edward Allsopp III†
Tues: 7:30amJody Woods†
Wed: 7:30 amSouls In Purgatory
 5:30pm (Sp.).....Those Present At This Mass
Holy Thurs.: 7:30 am Morning Prayer-No Mass
 7:30 pm.....Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration After Mass
 11:30 pm.....Evening Prayer
Holy Fri.: 7:30 amMorning Prayer-No Mass
 3:00 pm.....Stations of the Cross
 12:10 pmNo Mass
 7:30 pm.....Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Sat.: 8:00 am.....Morning Prayer-No Mass
 8:30 pm.....Easter Vigil
Easter Sun.: 7:00 am James O'Toole†
 9:00amParishioners Of St. John
 11:00 am.....William Thomas Caprefol†
 1:00 pm (Sp.) Alicia, Sara & Rosa Estrada†
 5:00 pmNo Mass

BE STILL IN GOD'S PRESENCE

TO DO GOD'S WORK WE MUST ALSO SOMETIMES JUST SIT IN HIS PRESENCE

by Catherine Upchurch
Special to The Leaven

Good engineers know the value of a counterbalance. Whether for a seesaw, elevator or a forklift, the design has to allow for weights to balance one another. Without that balance, a child will go flying off the seat of the seesaw, an elevator will plummet and a forklift will tip over on itself.

We are designed with a need for a counterbalance as well. We cannot simply be busy doing the work of the kingdom without the balancing gift and discipline of stillness.

One way to enter into stillness and silence in God's presence, to calm ourselves so that we are more aware of God, is to use this simple verse from Psalm 46:11: "Be still and know that I am God." Through the psalmist, God is giving a direction that will slow our pace, take away the "hurry" of our days and maybe even help us let go of some worry as well. Take a deep breath, sit comfortably and say the verse within yourself. Ponder who God is to you. Call to mind the ways that you most often experience God's presence.

After a few moments of quietly focusing on God, strip away the end of that verse and sit in silence with these words: "Be still and know that I am." God revealed himself to Moses in the Sinai desert as "I AM" (Ex 3:11-14). God is the cause of all being.

Throughout the Gospel of John, Jesus revealed his divine identity when he said, "I am . . ." the good shepherd; the gate for the sheep; the light of the world; the way and the truth and the life; the resurrection and the life; and the true vine. When you sit in stillness and contemplate God's power in our world, begin with acknowledging that God is the creative power of all that is and the abiding presence in all that will be.

And now we focus even more deeply on the gift of stillness by stripping away a bit more of the verse, saying in our hearts and minds, "Be still and know." We tend to focus on knowing as the act of sorting through information to make sense of reality, and in the spiritual context, that sometimes means gaining knowledge about God. While acquiring knowledge is a significant part of our growth as humans, as disciples, the Bible invites us to think of knowing, especially knowing God, as a kind of intimacy that we share with God. It comes in the form of a loving relationship with God. In stillness, you will grow in love and in trust of the God who fashioned you and abides with you.

By now, you know that we will remove a couple more words to be left with "Be still." Stillness allows us the space we need to hear God's voice. Mary, mother of Jesus, is said to have reflected



or pondered or treasured in her heart the things divinely revealed to her by an angel, by shepherds and through the events of Jesus' young life (Lk 2:15-20, 41-52). Such reflection requires stillness. Quiet yourself, be aware of your breathing which is itself a gift from God.

And we are left with "Be." By now, your breathing is a bit deeper, your body is a bit quieter and you might hear God saying simply, "Let me look on you in love." God's love is at the heart of our being and becomes the basis for how we act as disciples.

Creating the discipline of being still in the presence of God's love will direct your heart and your feet as you move from being to doing, from stillness to action. It is the necessary counterbalance for a life of discipleship.

Questions for reflection or discussion

Jesus knew the need for quiet time with his Father (see Mt 14:13; Mk 1:32-35; 6:45-46; 14:32-34; Lk 4:42; 5:16; 9:18; Jn 6:15). In what circumstances are you most often reminded to seek out God in quiet?

When you consider your own life as a disciple of Jesus, do you feel that you have found a balance between doing God's work and being in God's presence? If not, are you more drawn to stillness and prayer or works of love and service?

What are some ways that you might create more time for stillness in God's presence? Or, if this is already your practice, how might you continue to grow in the discipline of quiet meditation on God's love and life in you?

Do other Bible verses speak to you in a way that they could become the basis for your quiet meditation in God's presence? For a few examples, see 1 Cor 3:16; Lk 12:25; Ps 51:12; Jn 15:9.

Catherine Upchurch is the general editor of the Little Rock Catholic Study Bible and contributes to several biblical publications. She writes from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

CUENTO NÚMERO 30

Los diez enfermos de sida (Lucas 17, 11-19)

En una sala especial del Hospital Muñiz, en Buenos Aires, había diez enfermos de SIDA: dos, por homosexualidad; seis, por intercambio de jeringas en consumo de drogas; uno, un heterosexual que se contaminó con una prostituta, y el décimo, un pobre muchacho de quince años, sidótico por una transfusión de sangre no controlada, después de una operación común. Ninguno era portador sano, sino que su suerte estaba sellada, y su destino, cerrado. Probaban en ellos lo conocido, y todos los días, devoraban los diarios, ante los chimentos de una "vacuna"

Fueron pasando los días y los meses. Tres de estas personas murieron. Otros tres estaban al borde del abismo. A uno de ellos, Isaac Rudmann, lo fue a visitar un buen rabino, y lo sacó vendiendo almanaques. ¡Que no le vinieran a hablar de la misericordia de Dios, cuando él estaba padeciendo esta situación! A otro, que estaba en estado bastante crítico, una enfermera, canchera en estas lides, le mandó al cura párroco. ¡Fue peor el remedio que la enfermedad!, porque el sacerdote le echó en cara que todo esto era por culpa suya, y que lo mejor era poner las barbas en remojo. Remató todo, pontificando así: -Dios perdona siempre; el hombre, a veces; la naturaleza... ¡nunca! Padeció la misma mala suerte que su colega, el rabino. Es verdad que, antes de irse, el cura le dijo que pusiera su confianza en Dios, pero... el tipo estaba lo suficientemente golpeado como para sufrir otro "uppercut" en la mandíbula. Los médicos, excelentes personas, los animaban a no bajar la guardia. Varios "voluntarios" de diversas asociaciones, los visitaban, sin miedo al contagio y sin discriminarlos.

Perdí de vista a los siete que sobrevivieron.

Años más tarde, charlando con la enfermera, me enteré de que fueron visitados por integrantes del "Movimiento carismático", que no sé bien qué hacen, pero sí que son rezadores y algo sanadores.

Les regalaron un librito que había escrito el padre Juan Pablo, con diversas "Cartas", una de ellas dirigida a un enfermo de SIDA. Al poco tiempo de esa visita, comenzó la mejoría de todos, para estupor y sorpresa de los médicos.

También nos enteramos de que seis de ellos habían vuelto a la droga y a su ambiente habitual. Jaime, quien no tenía otra culpa sino la transfusión desgraciada, fue el único que visitó a los muchachos y chicas de Movimiento; y él, que se profesaba todo un ateo, a los quince años, resultó el más agradecido por el libro, regalo de Dios o de quien creamos que vino.

No supe del resto, pero, por los hechos, no creo que reconocieran el don de la salud recobrada y de la vida conservada, porque volvieron a sumergirse en las raíces de la muerte. No hay cosa más triste que la ingratitud ante los beneficios recibidos.

Si llegas a tener SIDA, o lepra, o pie plano o gripe o mal de ojo, y Dios o tus hermanos te curan, se un bien nacido: dale gracias a Dios y a tus benefactores. Si eres judío, ve a la sinagoga y que tu rabino te ayude a rezar. Si ateo, piensa que hay algo

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CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

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Cada primer sábado del mes de **6:00 a 9:00 de la noche**, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

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Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parróquia, por un mundo más limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

Preparación al matrimonio por la Iglesia Católica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen niños.

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

CATECISMO EN ESPAÑOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para más información llamar a María Mota.

CONFESIONES

Sábado de 3:00 pm a 4:00 pm y Miércoles de 11:00 am a 12:00 pm Habrá confesiones en español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 10 DE ABRIL

Domingo: Lc 19, 28-40/Is 50, 4-7/Sal 21, 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24 [2]/Flp 2, 6-11/Lc 22, 14—23, 56 o 23, 1-49

Lunes: Is 42, 1-7/Sal 26, 1. 2. 3. 13-14/Jn 12, 1-11

Martes: Is 49, 1-6/Sal 70, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 15 y 17/Jn 13, 21-33. 36-38

Miércoles: Is 50, 4-9/Sal 68, 8-10. 21-22. 31 y 33-34/Mt 26, 14-25

Jueves: Misa Crismal: Is 61, 1-3. 6. 8-9/Sal 88, 21-22. 25 y 27/Ap 1, 5-8/Lc 4, 16-21 **Misa Vespertina de la Cena del Señor:** Ex 12, 1-8. 11-14/Sal 115, 12-13. 15-16. 17-18/1 Co 11, 23-26/Jn 13, 1-15

Viernes: Is 52, 13—53, 12/Sal 30, 2. 6. 12-13. 15-16. 17. 25/Heb 4, 14-16; 5, 7-9/Jn 18, 1—19, 42

Sábado: Vigilia: Gn 1, 1—2, 2 o 1, 1. 26-31/Sal 103, 1-2. 5-6. 10. 12. 13-14. 24. 35 [30] o Sal 32, 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20-22 [5]/Gn 22, 1-18 o 22, 1-2. 9-13. 15-18/Sal 15, 5. 8. 9-10. 11 [1]/Ex 14, 15—15, 1/Ex 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18 [1]/Is 54, 5-14/ Sal 29, 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13 [2]/Is 55, 1-11/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 [3]/Bar 3, 9-15. 32—4, 4/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11/Ez 36, 16-28/Sal 50, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19 [12]/Rom 6, 3

-11/Sal 117, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23/Lc 24, 1-12

PARISH NEWS and Events

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especial en la curación repentina e inexplicable de enfermedades graves. Si eres cristiano, aunque seas un poco chanta, ofrece una misa como acción de gracias, pídele al Señor que te ayude a perseverar en la fe y vive como un hijo deudor de la bondad de un Dios que es Padre.

-Héctor Muñoz

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Lawrence Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers in our community. Helping hands in our food pantry assist clients with shopping, bagging and stocking. Volunteers must be 16 years or older or 12-15 years with a guardian present. Please reach to Emily Spurling with any questions. Office: **785-856-2694 x:1723** espurling@catholiccharitiesks.org



PRESENTATION ON THE TRIDUUM

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church will be hosting a presentation on the Triduum given by Michael Podrebbarac, who is the Consultant for Liturgy and Sacramental Life for the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, **Monday, April 11 at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome to attend, especially RCIA candidates and catechumens from other parishes. This is a great way to prepare for Holy Week in addition to the continuing formation of those inquirers seeking full communion into the Catholic Church. For information call Jenny VanLeeuwen at **785-286-2188**.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

April 29 – May 1 at the Savior Pastoral Center

Beginning Experience Weekend for persons who are separated, divorced or widowed. This program helps men and women work through the grief process associated with the end of a marriage and move into the future with new hope.

For more information go to beginningexperiencekc.org or contact Maria Meli at **913-314-9844**.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the **Sunday of Divine Mercy**. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in an abortion. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.



The **Action Guide for the Sunday of Divine Mercy** includes a sample timeline, simple steps, sample announcements, homily helps, and an activity to help you bring Christ's message of mercy to your parish community.

Priests and deacons may find these considerations especially helpful when preparing their homilies.

Visit: respectlife.org/action-guides and uscbb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday for additional resources.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY WITH ARCHBISHOP NAUMANN

Through the outpouring of love on Divine Mercy Sunday, all are invited to share in Christ's message of mercy. Join us to pray especially for healing and hope for our country and those who have been affected by an abortion, as well as peace in the world. The Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture readings and reflection by Archbishop Naumann, a "One Act of Mercy" skit performed by local youth, and meditative praise and worship music. **Sunday, April 24, St. James Academy, Lenexa 6:15pm – Outdoor Bilingual Rosary, 6:45pm Candlelight Procession, 7:00pm Prayer Service Come for some or all of the evening.**

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