



 *St. John*
The Evangelist Catholic Church

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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 passion of Jesus is a sea of sorrows, but it is also an ocean of LOVE.
Ask the Lord to teach you to fish in this ocean. Dive into its depths.
No matter how deep you go, you will never reach the bottom.”**
-St. Paul of the Cross

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SIMON PARISH CENTER

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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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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses

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

Weekend Masses

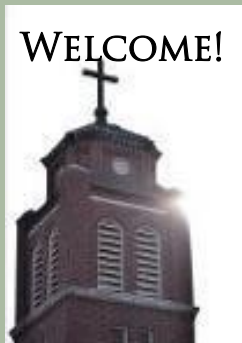
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 11:00 am – Noon
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



ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE 2022

How do we know someone loves us? Is it through the sweet words they say to us, the grand promises they make? While these things can be part of the equation, we come to learn that love can only prove itself through deeds. We know someone loves us not when they say they love us, but when they show they love us—by prioritizing us, caring for us, and seeking our good, even when it might mean making a sacrifice. If this applies to us determining if someone loves us, it can also help us reflect on whether we truly love others. Do the things we say we believe about love, giving generously, and serving others lead to concrete deeds in our lives—the “good fruit” Christ talks about in today’s Gospel—or do they tend to not translate into action? It can be difficult to tell! But the Lord gives us opportunities to put love into action each and every day—in our family, our workplace, and our wider community. As a parish, we actually have one of those opportunities before us today: the chance to contribute to our Archbishop’s Call to Share appeal. This is a concrete opportunity to not only give generously, but also to contribute to the “good fruit” that our diocese is producing today, sharing the love of the Lord with so many who desire to receive it. Ask the Lord to ask how he’s inviting you to put your love into action today.

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus pray the Rosary the first Friday of the month. Everyone is welcome. Please join us in the church **March 4 directly after Stations of the Cross.**

LENT 2022 OBSERVANCES

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 2

7:00 am Mass
12:10 pm Liturgy of the Word Service
5:30 pm Bilingual Mass
7:30 pm Liturgy of the Word Service
(12:10pm and 7:30pm Services are not a Mass and there won't be reception of Communion. Ashes will be distributed at all 4 times)

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 (normal time)
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



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L LENTEN SEASON

During the season of Lent, we encourage you to use this time to continue developing your heart into a place worthy for our Savior to dwell. That is an ongoing task, to say the least, and St. John tries to offer programs, services, and resources to assist you on that journey.

LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

- Daily Lenten Reflections from Bishop Robert Barron*
- 40for40 Daily Reflections on the Mysteries of the Eucharist
- Little Black Book for Lent*
- Formed.org Saints and Heroes Collection for Children*
- Word on Fire Study: Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues
- Stations of the Cross
- Adoration
- Additional Confession Times

To access suggestions and see event times, visit sjevangelist.com/lent or scan the QR code below



SCAN ME

*available in English & Spanish

ST. JOHN JOB OPENING

PARISH COORDINATOR

St. John Parish and School seeks a part-time parish coordinator. The parish coordinator will be responsible for the efficient use of parish facilities and managing supportive services. Candidates with 1-3 years work experience and bilingual (English/Spanish) are preferred. Please see full job description and requirements at: www.sjevangelist.com. Position will be open until filled. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. John Cousins at: frjohn@sjevangelist.com or mail to: 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044



"The 11th Commandment, thou shalt not leave thy church a mess."

Please help us keep St. John's beautiful by picking up any loose items in your pew or floor and replacing all books before leaving. Thank you for your assistance!

LENTEN 40 FOR 40 40 DAILY REFLECTIONS ON THE EUCHARIST

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51b) Join hundreds of your friends and journey with us as we unpack the USCCB document "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church". This 40-day Lenten experience (begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Palm Sunday) will encourage us to deepen our "Eucharistic amazement" in preparation for Easter. Each email contains a bite-sized excerpt from the U.S. Bishops' document, followed by brief commentary and questions for further prayer/reflection/action. It will also include a link to the U.S. Bishops' document in its entirety, and a free course offered by Bishop Cozzens. The entire email is usually under 500 words and can easily be read in 5 minutes.

Two ways to opt-in to the daily emails:

- 1) Text **40for40** to **84576**—click on the link on the welcome text to complete signup
- 2) Go to <https://archkck.flocknote.com/40for40>—complete the signup.

GROCERY CARDS SOLD AFTER MASS TO PAY GYM MORTGAGE



Grocery cards will be sold after all masses on the **first weekend of the month**. Please bring cash or check to purchase Checkers, Merc, and Hy-Vee* grocery cards. Sales will be set up outdoors near the north door of the church. Grocery cards are sold to you at face value, and the grocery stores donate 5 to 6 percent of sales toward St. John School. Donations will be targeted to the mortgage on the gymnasium.

To pre-order cards, or to help, email Nora at: noramurphy777@gmail.com, or phone **785-727-5083**.

*If you shop at Dillon's and need help setting up the auto-donation there, please call.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

March 5, for a meditative rosary at 7:30 am, Mass at 8:00, and a talk afterwards on the influence of Mary on the contemplative lives of St. Teresa of Lisieux and St. Teresa of Avila. Our presenter will be parishioner Jenny Nielsen.



99 EFFECTIVE WAYS TO EVANGELIZE AS A CATHOLIC
No. 4: Smile a lot. It makes you happy. It also makes others happy. It's a great witness to your Christian joy. Smiling is a one word Christian philosophy on living.

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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.

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

School enrollment is now open to our parish families. St. John Catholic School is financially supported primarily by the generosity of St. John parish. School parents who are supporting members of St. John parish, support the school by their weekly, monthly, quarterly, and/or annual church tithes. The cost to educate a child at St. John School is \$6,000. To learn more and enroll, visit: <http://sjevangelist.com/school/why-st-john/>

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE

St. John Catholic School is looking for a 4th and 5th grade math teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in working with a great team of teachers, please send a cover letter and resume to Chris Reffett at: creffett@sjeagles.com.

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN! FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

All are welcome! ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By The Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

We know that in Jesus's day, he often instructed people by using parables, a story form that basically would turn social teachings and norms upside down. He used story to teach to keep from getting killed, as this was a real risk if he would have directly "gotten to the point."

Prayer can follow the same methodology. There have been a couple of "reverse" peace prayers of St. Francis of Assisi that have been floating around lately. The one we like best is written by a Franciscan, Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM., a noted book author and a columnist for National Catholic Reporter. You'll find the prayer below. Notice how he modifies each petition in the familiar Prayer for Peace of St. Francis of Assisi by keeping the integrity of the prayer's structure, but by replacing concepts to call us to consider contemporary themes. We pray that this prayer moves you.

PEACE PRAYER FOR THE PRIVILEGED

Lord, make me an instrument of your holy discomfort
Where there is privilege, let me sow equity,
Where there is violence, let me work for peace,
Where there is division, let me seek unity,
Where there is racism, let me pursue racial justice,
Where there is environmental degradation, let me care for creation,
Where there is political discord, let me seek the common good,
And where there is economic inequality, let me seek justice.
O God of Justice, grant that I may not so much seek comfort,
as to welcome hard truths,
To be heard, as to listen,
To hold power, as to empower,
To seek control, as to follow,
For it is in humility, that we learn,
It is in seeking forgiveness, that we are reconciled,
And it is in dying to self, that we are born to new life.
Amen. --Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM.



WWP Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church

If you desire to grow in your faith-in a supportive community of Catholic Women-Walking with Purpose is for you!

Join us Mondays Virtually 6:00-7:30 pm or

Thursdays 1:30-3:00 pm in-person at St John's Church Basement

Call/text or email Suzy for more information 785-550-8357, snovotny47@gmail.com

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL | MARCH 3



With a family like hers, it's no wonder that St. Katharine Drexel (November 26, 1858 – March 3, 1955) grew up to become one of the first American-born saints.

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, her mother passed away when she was only five weeks old. Her father, a renowned banker, remarried a wonderful woman, and together they raised St. Katherine Drexel and her two sisters in a life of privilege. Both financially and spiritually well-endowed, the Drexels were devout Catholics and set an excellent example of true Christian servitude with prayer and care for the poor.

After her father's death, St. Katharine Drexel gave up her inheritance and instead devoted her life to the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. Mother Drexel, as she would become known as, established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, and together they opened a boarding school in Santa Fe, the first of 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states.

At 77, she suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire from active ministry. She spent the next 20 years of her life in quiet yet intense prayer. She died at the age of 96 and was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. ©LPi

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 27 WEEK

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

BECOME A GREETER



Our Sanctuary ministry is building a hospitality team, a great way, we feel, to help build community in our parish. We are looking for people who appreciate being a greeter as being a part of a hospitality team; a team that through prayer and discernment and the desire to learn and grow can be an important conduit for community-building and growth in our parish.

We really want to have two greeters at each entrance at each Mass, as the Great Commission sent people out into the world two by two to minister.

Erin Smith-Bird will coordinate our scheduling for the greeting and hospitality ministry. If you feel a call to this ministry, please say Yes! You may contact Erin to give her your name and contact information and your preferred Mass preference for greeting at: ekbird@sunflower.com

Thank you very much!

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
 Monica Baker
 Mariele Berthold
 Chris Besler
 Jenn Bole
 Andrew Bouchard
 Susan Guenther Brown
 Jeanne Buskirk
 Donna Callaghan
 Bob Carlson
 Jim Colson
 Patricia Cousins
 Ricky Dalton
 Hank Desch
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 Mark Fortun
 Janet Fox
 Rudy Fritz
 Michael Jay Gomez
 Bonnie Griggs
 Tony Guadian
 Lonna Hamm
 Caeson Hatch
 Christian Heady
 Luke Henry
 Patsy Heptig
 Charles Hermann

Kathy Higley
 Janet Ikenberry
 Michele Johnson
 Bill Jones
 Joani Kampschroeder
 Allen Kehde
 Gretchen Kehde
 Becky Kuhn
 Joanna Lacanlale
 Diana Matthews
 Leo Mauler
 Russ McDonald
 Zackary Messerly
 Paul Milburn
 Linden Morgan
 Nancy Nielsen
 Todd Nielsen
 Augustus Nelson
 John Nelson
 Mary Beth Nelson
 Danny Nguyen
 Theophilus Obiefule
 Lupe Otero
 Julie Patterson
 Vina Reyes
 Joel Rivera
 Virginia Romero
 Jon Rossillon
 Greg Schurer
 Carole Scott
 Mary Kay Seidl
 Pete Sethatut
 Christine Shipley
 Richard Short

Shawn Short
 Gerald Simon
 Brett Smith
 Scott Smith
 Linda Snyder
 Joseph Soza
 Cameron Stupansky
 Jack Taylor
 Deloris Tharp
 Amelia Tinio
 Fleda Umscheid

Enriqueta Valverde
 Oren Van Wallegghem
 Cindy Vasquez
 Lou Volpe
 Jeanette Walker
 Ted Walker
 Susan Williams
 Jon Yarnell
 Dena Yepa

FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 6

Mon.: 7:30 amRobert Walkert
Tues.: 7:30 am..... Scott Smith
Ash Wed.:
 7:00 am (Mass).....Peace In The World
 12:10 pm Distribution of Ashes Service
 5:30pm (Bilingual Mass)..... All Present At Mass
 7:30 pmDistribution of Ashes Service
Thurs.: 7:30 am Osborne O'Connor Family
Fri.: 7:30 amBrittyn Cook
 12:10 pmSouls In Purgatory
Sat.: 8:00 am.....Intentions of Pope Francis
 4:30 pm..... Lidia & Czeslaw Raczek†
Sun.: 7:00 amChristian Heady
 9:00amInge & Charlie Brown†
 11:00am.....Monica Baker
 1:00 pm (Sp.)Edith Alvarez†
 5:00 pmParishioners Of St. John

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Knights of Columbus®

JOIN US!

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL (1372) JUST 30-MINUTES OF YOUR TIME, FOLLOWING THE MASS OF YOUR CHOICE, ON THE WEEKEND OF February 26th. ALL THREE DEGREES WILL BE PRESENTED TO ANY MAN OF THE PARISH WHO IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. MOST IMPORTANTLY, ALL FAMILY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO STAY AND LISTEN TO THE EXEMPLIFICATION. 9:30 AM IN THE CHURCH.

The "24-Hour Knight"

"I don't have any time to give to the Knights, so why should I join?" It's a common concern among many men that just don't think they have the time to be a part of the Knights of Columbus. Imagine if you will, that I will tell it only takes 24 hours a year to be a Knights of Columbus member, and that you can make a positive difference in your Church, yourself and your community. Even with this minimal commitment, you can be an important part of a council, and reap the benefits of what membership in the Knights of Columbus has to offer you and your family.

Here is the time breakdown:

12 hours a year reading your weekly parish bulletin, the state & local council newsletters, the archdiocesan newspaper, the Columbia magazine, and surfing the state council and supreme council websites.

2 hours a year volunteering at the council's annual Tootsie Roll Drive supporting people with intellectual disabilities.

2 hours a year attending, with your family, the 4th-weekend Rosary at and other prayer services held at our parish.

2 hours a year on council-sponsored church, community, council, family or youth projects of your choosing, like the Lenten fish fry's, the pork chop dinner for seminarians pro-life programs, or helping build things around our town.

2 hours a year attending a council meeting(s).

4 hours a year enjoying a council-sponsored social function, like bowling and dinners / picnics.

There are 8,760 hours in a year. By giving the Knights of Columbus just 24-hours (which is less than .3%), **YOU CAN BECOME A BETTER CATHOLIC, A BETTER PERSON, A BETTER HUSBAND, AND A BETTER FATHER.** Imagine the difference the Knights of Columbus can make in your life if you join us now. It only takes 24- hours.

CUENTO NÚMERO 24

María Magdalena, el perfume del perdón y la lagrima enamorada (Lucas 7, 36-50)

Hace casi dos mil años (nosotros no estábamos allí...) Jesús nos dijo que las prostitutas llegarían antes que nosotros al cielo. Esto molestó antes y molesta a nuestros oídos, también ahora, porque somos católicos, apostólicos y romanos, porque tenemos "la Verdad", porque cumplimos con las misas dominicales y de precepto (y más de una vez, entramos en la iglesia sin que nadie nos obligue. y hacemos una visita al Santísimo, rezando un Padrenuestro, tres Avemarías y un Gloria), porque hacemos ayuno y abstinencia de carne todos los viernes del año, y en esos días comemos pescado, aunque algunos preferamos un bife antes que un filete de merluza. Además, porque cada jueves santo hacemos las "visitas" a siete iglesias; Viernes Santo, un Vía Crucis bien largo, y todo esto a gusto y sin chistar y toda la familia junta. ¡Qué más nos pueden pedir! ¡Habrá que hacerse prostituta para llegar antes que los demás al cielo?

Por supuesto que la respuesta es, No. Pero lo que este cuentito quiere enseñarnos, inspirado en el evangelio, es que es más fácil que una mujer "de mala vida" se convierta, que alguien que se cree tan bueno por ser "cumplidor", se enamore. Y una cosa es "cumplir" y otra "amar". Y sólo se salvará quien cumpla "porque ama".

Había una vez una mujer "de vida airada", como se solía decir en mis tiempos... "La vida", como en el tango, "le hizo mal". Se entregó a muchos hombres. ¿Por dinero? Tal vez... ¿Buscando amor y compañía contra la soledad? Es posible. ¿Porque le gustaba "el oficio"? Lo dudo... De cualquier modo, María Magdalena o quien haya sido la mujer citada en el Evangelio, estaba fichada en el pueblo como "mujer de la vida", o de la calle, de ésas con minifalda de cuero negro brillante, revoleando la carterita, tenidas de rubio oxigenado o platinado, acercándose a los autos cuando éstos se detienen, en ciertos barrios, ante el semáforo rojo.

No sabemos cómo, pero Maggie (así la llamaban en el barrio...) se coló en la fiesta de un buen tipo, no recuerdo si se llamaba Simón-el-fariseo o Ricardo Gómez, este último, todo un católico, hecho y derecho, de buena doctrina.

Todos comenzaron a comer. - ¡Qué rico está el vitel-toné! ¡Este vino blanco sanjuanino se deja tomar, sobre todo así..., bien heladito!

Y la fiesta seguía, entre charla y charla, copa y copa.

Algunos hablaban de mujeres (lejos de Ricardo Gómez). Otros de si Pasarella fue un fracaso o no en la selección, en el Mundial de Francia. Otros... ¡cuándo no!, de política, de la recesión, de si los obispos son esto o aquello, de si los curas tendrían que casarse o no...

Maggie estaba a los pies de Jesús. No se metía en la conversación. Estaba "en otra". Lloraba.... Lloraba sobre los pies de Jesús. Le daba vergüenza mojarlo y, por eso, se los secaba con su largo cabello (Maggie era una "loca" chapada a (Continúa en la página 10)

MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **785-304-5509**.

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.

PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

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

RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parróquia, por un mundo mas 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 mas información llamar a Maria Mota.

CONFESIONES

Sábado de 3:00 pm a 4:00 pm y Miercoles 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 27 DE FEBRERO

Domingo: Eclo 27, 4-7/Sal 91, 2-3. 13-14. 15-16 [cfr. 2]/1 Co 15, 54-58/Lc 6, 39-45

Lunes: 1 Pe 1, 3-9/Sal 110, 1-2. 5-6. 9 y 10/Mc 10, 17-27

Martes: 1 Pe 1, 10-16/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Mc 10, 28-31

Miércoles: Jl 2, 12-18/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17/2 Co 5, 20—6, 2/Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30, 15-20/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Lc 9, 22-25

Viernes: Is 58, 1-9/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 18-19/Mt 9, 14-15

Sábado: Is 58, 9-14/Sal 85, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 5, 27-32

Domingo siguiente: Dt 26, 4-10/Sal 90, 1-2. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15 [cfr. 15]/Rom 10, 8-13/Lc 4, 1-13

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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la antigua, y no usaba pelo corto...).

De repente, abrió una carterita de cuero (o cuerina...) para sacar un pañuelo. La vació. Se le cayó el lápiz labial, el rímel, una agenda, un espejito, un piene "Pantera" "y un par de preservativos. Al final, contenta, sacó lo que seguía buscando: in frasquito de perfume con aroma "Nardo cálido" (así decía la etiqueta), y lo volcó sobre la cabeza del Maestro, para horror "de los buenos". Estos pensaron todo lo que ustedes puedan imaginar, y si no lo imaginan, vayan al texto de Lucas citado arriba y verán la reacción hipócrita de los que se creen perfectos. Los que si me

importan ahora son Jesús y Maggie.

El happy end es que Jesús perdono a Maggie que, supuestamente, "no tiene perdón de Dios"

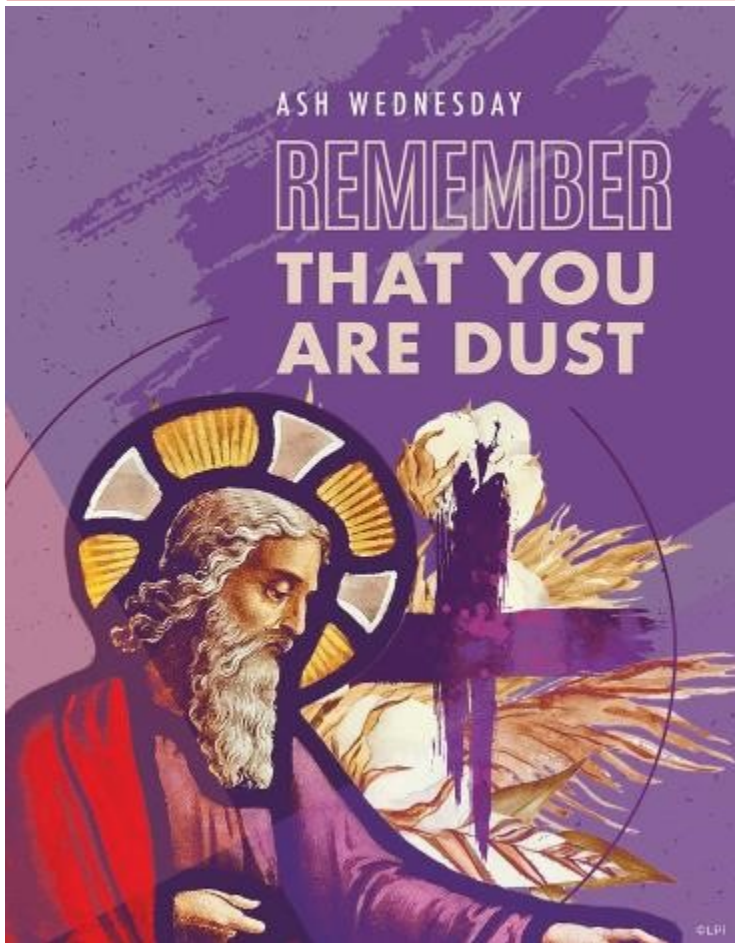
No quería que siguiera llevando la vida que llevaba, pero perdonó sus numerosos pecados: ¿Por qué? Porque en la fiesta hizo todo lo que el dueño de casa y sus invitados no hicieron: lloró, besó, perfumó... Esto bastó a Jesús para perdonarla. Perdonó mucho a quien amó mucho.

Ella demostró mucho amor porque supo que fue muy perdonada, y así se fue gestando el perdón final mostrado por

Jesús, poco a poco, no rechazando los signos de amor de esta pobre Maggie, mujer "loca"; no interesándole el "qué dirán" de los bien pensantes, sino la suerte de tantas Maggies que no saben ni pueden hacer otra cosa sino llorar..., queriendo amar.

Aunque te repugnen las palabras de Jesús de que las prostitutas llegaron antes al cielo, créelas: ¡es la pura verdad!

Pero no llegaran por ser quienes son, sino porque es más fácil que ellas se conviertan que el hecho de que nosotros, tipos sensatos y honestos, ablandemos el corazón.
-Héctor Muñoz



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