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MASSES Monday thru Friday: 9:00 am Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am (*Spanish*), 10:30 am & 12:30pm Confession (*Parlor*): Thursday 9:35 am & Saturday 3:30 pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Must be registered parishioners for a minimum of six months First Communion & Confirmation: Contact Parish Office Marriage: Contact Pastor one year prior to Marriage and registered parishioners for a minimum of six months

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Parish Office: 210-824-1743 Fax: 210-824-3283 102 Lorenz Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209 www.stanthonydepadua.org

OVASE Archdiocesan Misconduct Hotline: 844-709-1169



Fr. Kevin's Korner

ATTITUDE TO SUFFERING

A week's events in the life of Jesus are compressed into one hour today, from the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to the Last Supper, to Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and burial. Throughout this week, we will reflect on these important events in a less hurried way. If we could all get to the liturgy on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we would not need to hear the passion read today, but not everyone can get to church during the week, so we need to hear the passion today, so we can celebrate the resurrection of Jesus next Sunday.

However, I would urge everyone to read the gospel again this week so you can reflect more deeply on the sacrifice made of himself for us. Every year I ask myself why he did it. Every year, I think I understand it a little more and yet it will always remain a mystery. Jesus said he came "to seek out and to save the one who is lost." Could he have done that without having to die? Maybe that's what he agonized over in the garden of Gethsemane, asking himself and his heavenly Father the same question.

We too have our struggles to understand suffering. It's amazing how many people want to blame suffering on God. We know it was part of the mission of Jesus and God's plan. He prayed "not my will, but thine be done". When problems arise for us, does it make sense to think this is God's will for us? A lot of people do. For some, it helps them to cope with tragedy, while others turn their back on God and claim he is cruel and unfair. If we stop and think about life, so many problems we deal with we create for ourselves, or some other individual uses their God given gift of free will in a way that damages us, or our problems come just because we're human and we grow old and body parts begin to wear out, or there are times when it's a matter of bad luck, being in the wrong place at the wrong time. We cannot always put our finger on why bad things happen, especially to good people, a question that philosophers and theologians have pondered over centuries. I believe all good things come from God, but there are precious few of the bad things in life that I attribute to God's will. I believe God came to save us from evil, even physical evil (that's why Jesus healed people and why he told us to care about people who were suffering from not having the necessities of life). I don't even know if God plans when he is going to call each of us to leave this world, but eventually it will happen. It is part of our faith and comforting to know, however, that when it happens, if we have served him faithfully, God will take us to himself.

What keeps me going and helps me stay positive is to believe that when bad things happen that are beyond our control, God can turn them into something good. If God could take the death of Jesus, indeed, a very evil thing in that we humans beings, created in the image and likeness of God, crucified our God, even though he only helped people and loved people, if God could take that and turn it into something good and make it the source of our salvation and eternal life, then God has the power to turn anything around and make it into something good.

Sometimes I ask, "God how are you going to bring something good out of this?" My faith is that he can and he will. I believe this because I have experienced this all through my life.

Today, we reflect on the mystery of suffering, the suffering of Jesus and our own. It is not a problem to solve but a mystery we have to live with. Especially at Mass today, as at every Mass, we recall what Jesus did for us. We do, in his memory, what he commanded us. Be assured that in his sufferings he was there before us, he knows what it is like and he will walk with us through bad times and will pull us through. Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.





MARCH 24. 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 24th

7:00 AM

Angelina Agoitia by Jerry Agoitia Francis Soaro by Presly D'sa

8:30 AM

Rene Olmedo by Catalina Navarro Special Intention for the healing of Miguel Sesate by Catalina Navarro Special Intention for all those who suffer from tuberculosis by Catalina Navarro Special Intention for all the priests who help at 8:30 Mass by Catalina Navar-

10:30 AM

Angel Zatarain by St. Anthony de Padua **P**Bernard Shanahan by the Bread Box Ministry Francis Soaro by Presly D'sa

12:30 PM

♦Abel Juarez by his loving family Deacon Bill Simmonds by Patti Simmonds In thanksgiving for Eleina, Loenora Mendanca & Aziel Fernandes by Melrico Fernandes

Monday, March 25th, 9:00 AM

PFor all friends & family members of the Melrico Fernandes family members Special Intention for Melinda Tucker by Elizabeth Crawford Special Intention for good health of Rosarico Pereira by Rosario Pereira Special Intention for the Crawford Family In thanksgiving for Antonio Fernandes & family by Melrico Fernandes

Tuesday, March 26th, 9:00 AM

♦ Michael Jones by Joe & Frances Lopez Ninfa Ferrera by the Homebound Ministry In thanksgiving for Elrina, Fedora & Dylan Rodrigues good health by Shane Rodrigues All the Homebound by the Homebound Ministry Special Intention for the well being of my family by Melrico Fernandes

Wednesday, March 27th, 9:00 AM [†]Ann Shanahan on her birthday by her loving family ₱Placido D'sa by Presly D'sa Don Howard by Isabel Howard Sylvia Barrera Stiles by the Barrera & Castro Family For the good health of my daughter Raisa Colaco & for her birthday by Robert Colaco

Holy Thursday, March 28th, 7:00 PM

Good Friday, March 29th, 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM

Saturday, March 30th, 5:00 PM

 A Matthew Mendiola by his loving family
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Easter Sunday, March 31st

7:00 AM

For all St. Anthony de Padua Parishioners 8:30 AM

Andres Morales de parte de su familia

₱Rosa Pena by Rosie Felan

Juanita Zarazua by Carlos Zarazua & family

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Nicholas A. Perez on his birthday by his family ₱Fr. William Davis, O.M.I. by the Davis family

12:30 PM

♥Don Howard & Isabel D. Pena by Isabel Howard In thanksgiving for my friends & family by Melrico Fernandes

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, March 24th 7:00 AM Mass—Church 8:30 AM RE Arts & Crafts Fair—Banquet Hall 8:30 AM Mass—Church & Livestream 9:00 AM RE Classes (1st-5th Grade)—FFC 10:30 AM Mass—Church & Livestream 10:30 AM RE Classes (Pre-K & Kinder)—FFC 11:00 AM RE Classes (Middle School & High School)-FFC 12:30 PM Mass—Church Monday, March 25th 9:00 ÅM Mass—Church & Livestream 7:00 PM Parish Reconciliation—Church Tuesday, March 26th 9:00 AM Mass—Church & Livestream Wednesday, March 27th 9:00 AM Mass—Church & Livestream Holy Thursday, March 28th, OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Last Supper Mass—Church & Livestream Good Friday, March 29th, OFFICE CLOSED

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross—Church & Livestream 3:00 PM Good Friday Service—Church & Livestream

Saturday, March 30th

5:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass—Church & Livestream

Easter Sunday, March 31st

7:00 AM Mass—Church

8:30 AM Mass—Church & Livestream

9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt—Field by Chapel

10:30 AM Mass—Church & Livestream

11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt—Field by Chapel

12:30 PM Mass—Church

Offertory for March 17, 2024: \$13,596.00 Online Giving: \$6,150.50 TOTAL: \$19,746.50 March 19, 2023 Offertory: \$18,943.00



Sunday: Mark 14:1-15:47 Monday: John 12:1-11 Tuesday: John 13:21-33, 36-38 Wednesday: Matthew 26:14-25 Thursday: John 13:1-15 Friday: John 18:1-19:42 Saturday: Mark 16:1-7





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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CGG Hunt on Easter Sunday with a special guest the "Easter Bunny!" There will be lots of Easter eggs, candy, and basket prizes for children of all ages. There will be separate designated Egg Hunts for under five and over five.

location: FIELD NEXT to ADORATION CHAPEE times: AFTER 9am & 10:30am mass

SPONSORED BY: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8738



2024 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF DR. FRANCIS GREINER & DR. JOSEPH GARZA \$2,500 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knights of Columbus Council 8738 proudly announce the annual Scholarship competition for high school seniors who are parishioners of St. Anthony de Padua.

This year there will be THREE (3) \$2,500.00 Scholarships awarded.

Application packets and requirements are available in the church office or at stanthonydepadua.org.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: APRIL 5, 2024 (NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM)

TO THE PARISH OFFICE, ATTN: KC SCHOLARSHIP For more info, contact: Felix Fierros, 210-269-5550 lexfierros@yahoo.com

PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED! Please remember those who are deployed in your daily prayers. Call the parish office if you would like someone added to this list or if you have a loved one who has returned.
 ROGER GONZALES, ISABEL ESCOBEDO, JAMES LOWE, ALLEN ESCOBEDO, CHRISTIAN CHAVEZ,
 JOHN L. QUINLAN IV, JOHN BOUCHARD, WILLIAM PALOS, CODY GRANBY, JUAN CARLOS RIVERA CEDEÑO, LARRY WILLIAMS JR., JOSHUA PALOS, ADAM SIFUENTES, DAVID RAMIREZ, CODY SWIERC, JUNIPER WEIDNER





We have received reports of parishioners receiving correspondence from Fr. Kevin asking for assistance. This is a scam. Please do not reply to any texts or emails you may receive from Fr. Kevin asking for a favor or response.

Our pastor would not seek out personal or financial help via text or email. If you are ever concerned about a message that you received, verify it before taking any action by emailing or calling the parish office. We appreciate those of you who want to send in the scam emails and

texts so that we are able to warn others. Blessings to all!



Remember in your prayers the members of our parish who are seriously ill. If you know a parishioner who is sick, in need of prayer, or bedridden and needs Eucharist, contact the parish office. After 4 weeks, names will be removed.

YOLANDA MATÉ MOY, JC CANE, ALEX BRANDON, ELI BRANDON, MARGUERITE REYES, BERTHA FLORES, ANTHONY CALVILLO, DEACON JOE BORREGO, CANDY BOON

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