

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

MASS TIMES

10pm

Monday to Friday 9:00 am Saturday: 9 AM Mass; 4:30 PM Mass, 6 PM (Spanish) Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM First Friday: 7:30pm Mass adoration until

Reconciliation Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 pm PRIEST & DEACON & PARISH STAFF

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Holy Sacraments

- Baptism Marriage
- Rites of Initiation of Adults Contact the Parish Center

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Pastor's Message

My dear friends in Christ,

This has been a very difficult journey to focus on. Are we still together? Where are we now? Has our relationship with one another changed? Do you find this Lenten journey transforming and fulfilling?

Perhaps one of the most memorable moments in the history of this country was in the 1960s! It was a decade of new discoveries and space exploration. It was a time when the world witnessed the first landing on the moon. It was a decade of Golden Age Television: the Ed Sullivan Show, I love Lucy, That Girl. It was a time of great movies: The Sound of Music, Oliver, the Apartment. It was a decade of new fashion, from Elvis's haircuts to the Beatles.

But the 1960's was also a decade that changed the course of our history. It was a time of social and political unrest. There were the antiwar demonstrations on the Vietnam War and the civil rights movements. It was a decade of racial division and violence. It was a time of irrational atmosphere. It was a time when you were seen not in the content of your character but in the color of your skin. It was a time of hate and anger that resulted in people, young and old, men and women, helpless and innocent, being killed or hurt. It was a time of condemnation and ignorance!

Sad to say that these things still exist in our society today! This is the kind of behavior that we need to change before we get to the waters of life at Easter! In the Gospel of John, Jesus talks about this human behavior that has no place in our society! Jesus challenges us, "Let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone!"

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, Jesus is asking us to examine our hearts. Jesus is asking us today in the Gospel (Cycle A) to rise from the tomb of condemnation and hatred, from the tomb of prejudice and ignorance, from the tomb of selfishness and self-centeredness, from the tomb of anger and hatred. He calls us from the darkness of our tomb: "Lazarus, come out!"

Today as he did two thousand years ago, Jesus calls us, the Lazarus of today, to a higher standard of living in following the commandment to love and to rise from the darkness of our spiritual tomb.

Jesus many times mentioned that anger and ignorance has no place in our life and in the kingdom! He said that anger can lead to violence and murder. During this season of Lent, Jesus is inviting us to fill our hearts with beauty, forgiveness, and reconciliation. He demands a greater awareness and motivation and a holier way of life through personal transformation and conversion. The gospel challenges us to be a person and reflection of God in the world, loving as God loves, caring as God cares, forgiving as God forgives. This is a call to Christian life. This is the way to the kingdom!

I believe that if we want to find meaning in our Lenten journey, we need to let go of the so-called "bad habits of the heart!" Today Jesus invites us to rise for a new beginning especially as we are about to enter the holiest week of our liturgical year! Yes, I know of the challenge and the difficulty of this Covid19 we are all facing! But I have seen people from all walks of life, journeying together and discovering each other as brothers and sisters, putting aside their differences by planting the seed of love and forgiveness in their hearts. We are together, more reflective, and prayerful during this time! What a grace moment! People have decided that anger and ignorance and hatred have no place in our hearts. From being so distant and so different from each other in the past, now they are closer and more connected than ever with each other despite the distance but brought together by

Our LENTEN JOURNEY continues: BEING WITH JESUS IN THE DESERT! May God bless us all in our journey towards the waters of life at Easter!

LOVE and our FAITH!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT FAITH FORMATION; PARISH EVENTS



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Mar. 20, 2024: Faith Formation Lenten Reconciliation. Make up confession for those who missed their First Reconcilia-

tion

COMING UP ... for Grades 7th to 12th: ** EMMAUS PEER MINISTRY Shadow oppor-

tunity: Former and current Youth Ministry or Confirmation students, ages high school, college or young adults, are invited to participate in our peer ministry shadowing opportunity. Arrange a one month commitment now and come help peer ministers in small groups on Mondays. This volunteer opportunity ends in May. To sign up or for questions, please contact Teena Posas, Youth Ministry Director at 510-741-4900 extension 1010 or send an email to tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com.

** MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (7th & 8th) -

** LOCATION CHANGE ** Ms. Denise's class meets * in the church * on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 PM for confessions. Parents must wait in the church with their children. We do not have class on March 27 and April 3. We come back on April 10. Contact your teacher with questions or about attendance. Bring your book bag to every class.

** FCYOUTH (7th & up) - ** LOCATION

CHANGE ** Ms. Cecilia's class meets * in the church * on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 PM for confessions. Parents must wait in the church with their children. We do not have class on March 27 and April 3. The final mandatory family meeting is April 6. Contact your teacher with questions or about attendance. Bring your book bag to every class. Contact your teacher with questions or about attendance. Bring your book bag to every class.

** YOUTH MINISTRY (9th to 12th, 1st year) - ** LOCATION CHANGE ** Our next class is in the * church * on Monday March 18, from 6:30 to 8:10 PM. We don't meet on March 25 and April 1. We come back on April 8 in the gym. The reconciliation service is rescheduled to Monday, April 15. Questions or for attendance, contact Teena Posas, Youth Ministry Director, please use Remind with code @sjymc; call her at 510-741-4900 extension 1010 or send an email to tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com.

** CONFIRMATION (10th to 12th, 2nd year) - All candidates should commit to attending all of our remaining classes with the

5:00 PM Mass to follow. These dates are:



March 24 Palm Sunday (parish hall); April 14 class for parents, sponsors & candidates (gym); April 21 rehearsal for parents, sponsors & candidates (church). The Rite of Confirmation takes place on Sunday April 28 at the parish 5:00 PM Mass. Please contact your teachers for questions.

RCIA:

Mar. 17,2024: 3rd Scrutiny Candidates and sponsors are required to attend mass at 12:00noon

Mar.24,2024: Palm Sunday, All are

requested to attend the 10:00 am mass.

Mar. 28, 2024: Holy Thursday 7:30pm- Washing of the Feet service



March 16-17, 2024

you, unless a grain of

wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." We must die to self to give more in our marriage. Learn how to be the best spouse possible by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on May 3-5 in San Juan Bautista or July 12-14 at San Damiano in Danville or go to https://wwme.org/apply/ to find the date that works for you!

March 23-24, 2024

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us be open to the love from our spouse and God by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on May 3-5 in San Juan Bautista or July 12-14 at San Damiano in Danville or go to https://wwme.org/apply/ to find the date that works for you!

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Today's Readings

First Reading: All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD,, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51) **Second Reading:** Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Heb 5:8-9)

Gospel: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb Tayag 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33*Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, Trinic 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, Ward 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 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

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Prayers for our Military Service Members & Families

Air Force- Gino Dela Rosa, Niko Dela Rosa, Jenna Keomany, Maxine Lucas, Alan Serrano, Chris Trias, Julian Trias, Fr. Peter Son Vo Army- Angel Caliz, Shawn Bets Chart, Matthew Fontejon, Darryl Jason Garcia, Jack Moneymaker,

Justine RB Sangui, Benjamin Serrano, Army Branch, Darren Espeleta

Coast Guard- Meagan Toomey

Navy-Terrence Bauer, Austin Bressler, Leslie Lag Damen, Carlo Evangelista, Dean Trias, Jasmin Trias

National Guard- Rebecca Sabatini, Marines- Carlos Aguilera, Richard Antonucci, Joseph Belman, Julian Chan, Carlo Spampinato, Pedro Mazar Egos, Jacob Rudis

Prayers for the Sick

Ron Acuna, Sally Aguilera, Harper Ananyev, Dan Aquino, Kristal Librato Baughn, Gil Bautista, Larry Burkhart, Diane Butson, Betty Dover, Dee Calbeck, Dennis Chattell, Pamela Chong, Tomas Citagawa, Kevin

Coughlin, Erin Curry, Ludelia Datlag, Jack Lam, Mary Louise Duhart, Denise Elias, Elizabeth Espanola, Aurora Fronda, Wayne Geiss, Rich Gill, Alexandra Gorgoletis, Elam & Claire Goundar, Alicia Guzman, Bill Harper, RowenHutchinson, Jeff M. Ibrahim, Dianna Jiminian, Joe Knoblauch, Tony Lagasca, Jack Lam, Stephen Lew, Paulette Lemmon, Joseph Magaoay, Imelda F. Magat, Nida Monzon, Jaime Ocampo, Severina Olivito, Claudette Peters, Melina Peters, Leticia F. Poblete, Patricia Rangel, Rogelio Ramos, Deborah Reyna, Jim Richards, Flo Rodich, Efren Rogue, Lee Rondeau, Ligaya Santos, Lolita Santos, Leo Sendaydiego, Tim & Tom Taliaferro, Jeffrey Tayag, Yolanda Tayag, Abraham Trinidad, Bernard F. Trinidad, George Vincent, Roberto S. Villeda, Susan Ward

MASS INTENTION

Saturday, March 16, 2024

9:00am Anita C. Edralin 🕆

Pat York 🕆

4:30pm Domenica Yonke ♥

6:00pm Parishioners of St. Joseph

Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:00am Marc Jacobs Vitangcol 🕆

10:00am Joseph Flores ♥

12:00pm Emily & George Vincent ♥

5:00pm Zantoni Perez 🕈

Monday, March 18, 2024

9:00am Rodolfo U. Bernal 🕆

Jose Luis Howay 🕆

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

9:00am Josephine Gomez 🕈

Leopoldo Ocegura, Sr. 🕆

5:00pm Josephine Rubang (B-D)

Wednesday, March 20,2024

9:00am Pedro & Concholita de Leon 🕏

Mellie Sami 🕈

Thursday, March 21, 2024

9:00am Felipe V. Domondon 🕏

Francesca Spampinato 🕈

Friday, March 22, 2024

9:00am Baltazar J. Bernal 🕈

Mary E. Hanley 🕈

Saturday, March 23, 2024

9:00am Bessie & Lani Litcom

Paquito Sarmiento 🕆

4:30pm Emilio Guzman, Jr. 🕆

6:00pm Moises Anguiano Cruz 🕏

PARISH EVENTS & FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP



What is going on at St. Joseph School

We invite you to join our school community in celebrating our School's 60th Anniversary by attending this year's Auction – Viva Las Vegas. Purchase your tickets now for an authentic Las Vegas Experience with gambling, dancing, libations, and world food buffet experience. Dress up and get out and have the time of your life! Use the QR code or go to the link on the bottom of the flier to purchase your tickets. We have about 60 tickets left. Tickets are on sale until April 13th.



We are excited to begin our Spring Sports season. We will be sponsoring the parish and school Girls basket-ball teams.

We are Now Testing and Enrolling for Preschool, 1st through 8th grades for the upcoming 2024-2025 School Year! Our application is online on the left hand side of our website's Admission's page at www.stjosephpinole.org or click on https://www.stjosephpinole.org/admissions. We would love to welcome your child(ren) and your family to our community. If you have any questions, please phone the office at 510-724-0242.

Please Join Alumni and Friends at www.Facebook.com/ groups/204136270336908

Check out our website for the latest happenings at the school at <u>stjosephpinole.org</u> and <u>https://</u>

www.facebook.com/StJosephSchoolPinole/



FIFTH WEEK OF LENT EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE AN-OTHER

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

March 2 & 3

Sunday \$ 14,786 Building Fund \$ 1,683



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GRIEF SUPPORT: AN EVENING WITH SANDY

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Repeats every Tuesday, Location: Virtual Event The grief support is called An Evening with Sandy. It is on Tuesday evening from 7.00pm to 8.00 PM. It is a peer ministry and drop in session. That means that we are group of people sharing our experience of grief along with each other. Sandy Heinisch is a grief trainer with the Diocese of Oakland who is also going through the grief process. Being a drop in session means you can come when you can if you are not able to make it one week that's okay. You can come the next week or when you can. Here is the link there is no password necessary. Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83978676350

Observances for the week of March 10, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 10 de marzo de 2024

Domingo: 4º Domingo de Cuaresma, Inicio del horario de verano

Domingo siguiente: 5º Domingo de Cuaresma

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world, to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk bravely in the light.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Por amor a nosotros, Dios envió a Su Hijo al mundo, para iluminar la verdad que trae la salvación. Pero la luz puede cegar a los ojos que sólo han visto oscuridad. Ora para que Dios nos enseñe a caminar con valentía en la luz.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Differences Between Priest & Brothers Question:

What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?

Answer:

The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories:

A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service. B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

Monks, Friars, and Canons: These

are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities.

¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Diferencias entre sacerdotes y hermanos Pregunta:

¿Qué es la diferencia entre los sacerdotes, hermanos, frailes, etc.?

Respuesta:

Pueden ser confusos los distintos títulos y categorías para los sacerdotes y los miembros de las comunidades religiosas, especialmente porque las categorías a veces pueden esta entrelazadas porque un hombre puede ser un sacerdote y un monje, o un hermano y también fraile. Para ayudar a armar el rompecabezas, es importante comenzar señalando algunas distinciones básicas: La distinción entre sacerdotes: son ordenados para el ministerio sacramental y los hermanos: son miembros no ordenados de comunidades religiosas y están comprometidos con vidas de oración y servicio. Los sacerdotes: Un sacerdote es un hombre que ha sido ordenado para el ministerio sacramental y estos se dividen en dos categorías: A) Los sacerdotes diocesanos (o seculares) pueden ser adjuntos a una diócesis y que sirven bajo un obispo. Su ministerio típicamente está orientado hacia el servicio pastoral. B) Los sacerdotes religiosos son miembros de comunidades religiosas, como los franciscanos, jesuitas, salvatorianos o carmelitas, y sus vidas se guían por la misión especial y el carisma de su comunidad. Aunque ambos tipos de sacerdotes practican el ministerio sacramental, su espiritualidad y cómo viven su sacerdocio pueden ser muy diferentes.

Los hermanos: Los hermanos son miembros no ordenados de comunidades religiosas (como las mencionadas anteriormente) que viven vidas comprometidas con la oración y el servicio. Los sacerdotes y hermanos religiosos sirven juntos en sus comunidades y sus ministerios incluyen mucho más que el cuidado de las parroquias.

Monjes, frailes y canónigos: Estas son categorías amplias que incluyen sacerdotes y hermanos religiosos, y cada uno de ellos está conectado a formas específicas de vida y espiritualidades.



OUR LENTEN THEME: BEING WITH JESUS IN THE DESERT!

Confessions during lent on Saturdays 2:30 to 4pm

Stations of the Cross with Taize Music 7pm

March 22

Feast of St. Joseph March 19

9 am School Mass

5 pm Mass with hospitality in the Parish Hall

Palm Sunday March 23 & 24

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30, 6pm Sunday Masses 8 & 10AM, 12 & 5PM

Triduum:

Chrism Mass March 26 @11am

Chrism Mass will be held at Cathedral of Christ the Light.

Holy Thursday March 28

Liturgy of the Hour 8am Celebration of the Lords Supper 7:30pm Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday March 29

Liturgy of the Hour 8am Stations of the Cross 10AM 7 Last Words 12PM Celebration of the lord's Passion 3PM Spanish Service 6PM

Holy Saturday March 30

Liturgy of the Hour 8am

Easter Vigil 7:30pm

Easter Sunday March 31

Masses 6, 8, & 10AM, 12PM (English) 2PM (Spanish)

No 5pm Mass

St. Patrick Altar Society:

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