



*Sunday, March 3rd, 2024*  
*Third Week of Lent*

## **Holy Family Church**

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## **Sunday Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 Noon**

## **Weekday Masses**

**Monday –Saturday: 8:30 a.m.**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays 8:15a.m**

**Anointing of the Sick Sacrament: Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Bible Study: 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month 12:30 p.m.**

## **Confessions**

**Saturdays: 9:00am-9:30am / First Fridays 9:00am-9:30am**

## Be There When God Moves

From July 17–21, 2024, thousands of passionate Catholics will gather for a transformative experience on a scale this generation has never seen. Whether you join us for one day or all five, the grace you receive will spill out into our community when you return home—deeply in love with the Eucharist and excited about the future of the Church in America. Visit **EucharisticCongress.org** to learn more about the event and explore the full schedule for each day.

**What:** 10th National Eucharistic Congress

**When:** July 17–21, 2024

**Where:** Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis,

## Estate Planning Seminars

**Wed. March 13, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

The Orange Catholic Foundation is presenting an Estate Planning Seminar at our parish. Session will be held at our rectory hall room. At the Seminar, you will learn:

- What is needed to update or create an estate plan, will or living trust; how to protect and provide for your loved ones; Avoid probate; a Catholic perspective on health care directives; how to choose your trustee and power of attorney, and more.

Participants will receive a FREE no obligation consultation. If you would like to reserve your spot, please call our parish office at (562)430-8170. Please contact [plannedgiving@orangecatholicfoundation.org](mailto:plannedgiving@orangecatholicfoundation.org).

## News from Our Parish

- **Stations of the Cross at 11am Fridays**, followed by fish fry lunch.
- **Diaper drive** for the life centers of Orange County. Please bring your donation to the parish office or leave on the Our Lady of Guadalupe donation table in the vestibule of the church. This year they need diapers sizes 5-6. Monetary donations are accepted.

## News from Our Diocese

- **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.-** the USCCB webpage, [CivilizeIt.org](http://CivilizeIt.org), offers many tools and resources to assist the faithful in forming their consciences in order to participate in upcoming elections.
- **Synod on Synodality.-** For the past three years, the Diocese of Orange has participated in the worldwide Synod preparation process with prayer, discussion, and discernment with the input of many voices from across the Diocese. As the Bishops and other official Synod representatives prepare for the second Synod session in October 2024, the listening continues. You are invited to participate in a listening session at St. Mary's Church in Fullerton on Monday, **March 11, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

## Your Contributions- Thank you

**Sunday, February 25th, 2024: \$5,295**

**Online Giving: \$736.20**

Thank you for your generosity!

## A Dual Cleansing (Catholic Reflections)

***He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." John 2:15-16***

In commenting upon the differences between John's version and the Synoptics, Saint Augustine and Saint Thomas Aquinas believe that they are two different occasions when a similar act of cleansing of the Temple took place. The Jewish Temple, at the time of Jesus' public ministry, was the place people traveled to each year for Passover to offer the sacrifice of a spotless male lamb in commemoration of the first Passover in Egypt when God set the Jews free from slavery. During this annual celebration, Jewish families who traveled to Jerusalem would purchase a lamb for sacrifice. At the appointed time, they slaughtered the animal in the courtyard of the Temple and then presented it to the priest who gathered some of the blood and sprinkled it on the altar, and then removed the skin, organs and fat to be burned in sacrifice. The meat was returned to the family and roasted on a pomegranate branch so that they could feast on it as they recalled the saving action God granted their ancestors in Egypt.

Today, we see the Jewish Temple as a symbol and prefiguration of Christ, the New Temple Who is also the priest and the Lamb of Sacrifice. Recall, also, that at Jesus' death, the veil of the Temple was torn in two, opening it up to the whole world so that all may share in the Sacrifice of the Lamb of God. We are now invited into this Holy of Holies to share in the new life of grace accomplished by His Sacrifice. Since the grace of this Sacrifice of our Lord enters into each and every heart that believes, to cleanse and purify, then every person receiving this grace becomes a new dwelling place of God, a member of His new Temple, the Body of Christ.

When Jesus came to the Passover feast and witnessed the buying and selling of these animals in the Temple, He drove them out with much zeal. It was clear that this holy celebration of the Passover had become less of a celebration of faith and more of a marketplace for profit. Jesus' action is also a symbol of the zeal with which He now seeks to cleanse the temple of your soul. At first, when sin and disorder pervade our souls, our Lord may take the approach of a gentle rebuke, as He did in His first cleansing of the Temple in John's Gospel. If we persist in our sins, then our Lord will become more zealous in His cleansing as He was in His final attempt to cleanse the Temple the week before He died. Reflect, today, upon this twofold cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem by our Lord and apply Jesus' sacred actions today to your own soul. Are there new sins that you have fallen into recently that require a gentle rebuke from our Lord? Are there sins that Jesus has been revealing to you for years now that you obstinately persist in? Allow Him to rebuke you in love and to cleanse you so that His saving Sacrifice as the Lamb of God will indeed purify you, and allow His judgment and wrath to "passover" you this Lent.

***My cleansing Lord, You cleansed the Temple of Jerusalem not once, but twice. Your zeal for its purity of worship was clear. Please come and make my soul Your dwelling place today and cleanse me of all sin. Please help me to especially see any ways that I have remained obstinate in my sin, and please cleanse those sins with much vigor. Jesus, I trust in You.***

# Our Lenten Fish Fridays



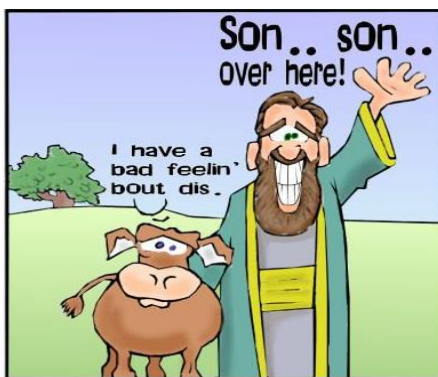
**Exciting News!** After 11 a.m. Friday Stations of the Cross devotion ... with a minimum donation of \$10 per person you can get the following delicious fish plates:

Friday, March 8 fish tacos + rice+ fruit or cookie

Friday, March 15 fish, fries, coleslaw + fruit or cookie

Friday, March 22 clam chowder + crackers + fruit

If you would like to participate, please sign in in the front of the church or parish office during office hours. You can also call at (562)430-8170. You can enjoy your lunch in our parish hall or take it home. Thank you for your participation. Please let your friends and neighbors know about this!!!!



The 'Prodigal Son' returns and suddenly the life of the fatted family calf flashes before his teary eyes. **Luke 15:11-32**

## Prayer Intentions for the Week

### **Monday 8:30 a.m. March 4**

Kathy Hay, RIP Epiphane Dieu Do, RIP

### **Tuesday 8:30 a.m. March 5**

Paul Dadez, RIP Matthew Alafetich, RIP

Cecile Boudreault, RIP

### **Wednesday 8:30 a.m. March 6**

Conrad Garlan, RIP Fr. Augustine Lan, RIP

Marven Ellingson, Sp. Int. Fran Hay, Sp. Int.

### **Thursday 8:30 a.m. March 7**

"Mike" Singer, RIP

Chinh Pham, RIP

Michael Nguyen, RIP

Esparza Dominguez Family, Sp. Int.

### **Friday 8:30 a.m. March 8**

Mary Mai To, RIP

Betty Jane King, RIP

Alicia Ramirez, Sp. Int.

### **Saturday 8:30 a.m. March 9**

Manuel and Janice Cabaysa, RIP

Florentino and Genoveva Dig, RIP

Marina Beltran, RIP Octavio Jacinto, RIP

Antonio Vergel de Dios, RIP

### **Saturday 4:00 p.m. March 9**

Cecile Boudreault, RIP

Peter Tien Pham, RIP

Mary and Rich Ramelot, Sp. Int.

Frilot Family, Sp. Int.

### **Sunday 8:00 a.m. March 10**

Marcy Locy, RIP

### **Sunday 10:00 a.m. March 10**

Helen Sinh Dang, RIP

Borita Becker and Church Andreau, Sp. Int.

### **Sunday 12 Noon March 10**

Matthew Alafetich, RIP

Serafin Advincula, RIP

Doris Dogue, RIP