

## March 7<sup>th</sup> - Third Sunday of Lent



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, March 6

9:00am † *Lisa Montgomery*  
4:30pm † *Steve Vidovich*

#### Sunday, March 7

8:00am  
10:00am † *Monica Sanchez*  
12:00pm

#### Monday, March 8

9:00am † *Eduardo Genoves*

#### Tuesday, March 9

9:00am † *Mauro A. Simpliciano*

#### Wednesday, March 10

9:00am † *Sr. Lilian Murphy, RSM*

#### Thursday, March 11

9:00am † *Anita Rosa Ochoa*

#### Friday, March 12

9:00am

#### Saturday, March 13

9:00am  
4:30pm † *Rufino Labari*

### *From the Desk of the Pastor ....*

On this Third Sunday of Lent we are given to see God's tenderness and mercy. The Ten Commandments manifest God's desire to bring us back to him, against human ambivalence to heed His voice. We stand before the Cross of Jesus Christ, who knits heaven and earth and all else together to redeem the whole creation in order to restore meaning and purposefulness after the **image and likeness of God**.

He offers strength for our weakness. **He makes everything new**, once and for all. By His glorious Cross we are saved.

Jesus knows what each of us has inside. How weak, how foolish or wise ..... He redeemed our human nature; the nature wounded by sin, and made it wholesome. Jesus did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well. Fallen human nature often attempts to define itself and meaning of life with units or standards with something we can measure and determine a value in terms and forms of money, power, wealth, riches etc., These so-called values breed selfishness, egotism, and emptiness.

The presence of the moneychangers in the Temple symbolizes our attempt to define our standards and camouflage our obsession to create such mundane values. However much this activity appears to be a simple day to day function, the fact that it is conducted as a matter of regular business in the most sacred of all places, betrays their bankrupt position toward the meaning and purpose of life. They prefer riches of God over a relationship with God.

Jesus underscores the need for our commitment and life of discipleship. The Zeal for the House of God consumes Jesus: He says: **"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up"**.

### PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Sunday masses are celebrated at 10am in English and 12noon en espanol

Additionally, the Sunday Mass is video streamed and made available on YouTube. It is posted on the Parish website every weekend. You may access and pray the mass at <https://www.saintjohnvangelist.org/>

**The church** is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615, who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church.

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled to take place in our church on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10am. The confirmandis (candidates who are enrolled and prepared to receive this sacrament) must keep in touch with their respective directors. Those registered at the Parish Religious Education Program need to be in contact with Mr. Rodrigo Castillo; those students registered at St. John's School need to be in contact with Ms. Alexandra Iwaszewicz. Please keep our students in your prayers.

#### ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2021

On behalf of the Archbishop and our Parish Finance Council I thank you for your generous and continuous financial support extended to the "Archdiocesan Annual Appeal" over the years.

We received the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2021 (AAA 2021) assessment letter from the office of the Archbishop. **Our 2021 AAA assessment is \$33,576**. This represents a decrease of \$5,514 from last year's amount of \$39,090.

The Parish office has embarked upon the mailing of the annual appeal letter asking you to please consider helping us meet that assessment for the new year 2021. Thank you for your continuous generosity.



**"Stations of the Cross and Via Crucis"** will be live video streamed and linked to the parish website: [www.stjohnvangelist.org](http://www.stjohnvangelist.org)

A schedule of events will be posted on this website. More information will follow as we come closer to the events.

#### SECOND COLLECTION

Today's Second Collection is for the **Reserve Fund** of St. John the Evangelist. This account was established to help fund the on-going major maintenance and needs of the Parish of St. John. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Anger is a legitimate human emotion. As such, it is indifferent: it is neither good nor bad. There are two kinds of anger. The anger displayed by Jesus when he drove out the moneychangers and vendors in the Temple is called righteous anger. He was simply consumed by his love for the Father: "Zeal for your house consumes me!" He did not hurt anyone, nor did he utter expletives and bad words. His action was a lesson to the people about a new understanding of the Temple and a challenge to a life of purity and holiness. The other kind of anger is sinful, and it is, in fact, one of the seven capital or deadly sins. This is the anger, which is motivated by egoism, pride, vengeance and a desire to inflict harm on others. It is this anger that has caused so much violence, pain and sufferings in the world today.

To be angry is a perfectly human emotion or feeling. But we have always to examine our motivations. That is why we are warned to always have control over our emotions. We just cannot let them go out of hand. As true man, Jesus had these same appetites, but he had perfect control over them. Controlling our emotions and feelings is part of self-discipline. Control is different from suppression. While suppression is unhealthy, control is self-mastery. It is a clear indication of a mature personality. But this is not easy. It takes a lot of patience, perseverance, vigilance and a lifetime of practice. That is how to develop the Christian virtues. For every capital sin, there is corresponding virtue that has to be developed in order to combat these sins. The season of Lent is always a good opportunity for us to exercise our virtues and practice self-discipline. Fasting and abstinence are some of the most common practices towards achieving this goal. Basically, it is the practice of self-denial that will help us.