

24th March 2019 - Third Sunday of Lent



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 23

9:00am *HPC*

4:30pm *YMI*

Sunday, March 24

7:30am † *Perfecto Hierro Sr.*

9:30am † *Grazia Ruggiero*

11:00am † *Henrietta Moreno*

12:30pm † *Mario Pineda*

Monday, March 25

9:00am † *Henry & Theresa Thrane & Michael & Albert Gragnani*

Tuesday, March 26

9:00am † *Roger Gantam*

Wednesday, March 27

9:00am *Angels Of God*

Thursday, March 28

9:00am *Knights of Columbus*

Friday, March 29

9:00am *SJE Parishioners*

Saturday, March 30

9:00am † *Guido & Marie Guinasso & family*

4:30pm † *Eva Cader*

From the Desk of the Pastor

In popular religion of all times the misfortune befalling people can come to be looked on as divine chastisement for personal sins. It is after all but a short step from the belief that God punishes sin to a consideration of the accidents, mishaps, and so on that befall a person as penalties directly inflicted by God.

Today's reading tells us how Jesus was once asked a question relating the collapse of the Tower of Siloam resulting in death of some people. The Tower of Siloam had collapsed at that time and people were injured. Jesus' reply is that the mishaps and catastrophes that befall people are no indication at all that they are sinners. Yet it is equally true, he says, that sin calls for repentance. In declaring 'unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did,' Jesus primarily addressed the Jewish nation which was increasingly growing to reject Him. Unless they repent of this, He tells them, they will be excluded from the promises and lose them. The kingdom will be taken away from them and given to the Gentiles; the nation will end in revolt and Jerusalem in ruins.

The parable of the barren fig tree teaches the same message: The tree had reached the fruit-bearing age, but it remained unfruitful. The owner of the vineyard felt it should be cut down. The vinedresser appealed on behalf of the tree and pleaded for time; he would make the last desperate effort to save the tree.

The fig tree symbolizes Israel, and as in the book of Jeremiah, the sterile Israel. Now the ax is laid to the root of the tree. This is the last chance, as if to say..... If Israel does not bring forth the fruits of repentance, the time of grace will run out.

The theme this weekend is the "urgency of the hour". Not to lose this moment of opportunity to repent and come back to God.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This devotional prayerful exercise will be held in the church on all Fridays during the season of Lent. Everyone is encouraged to come and pray with us at 9:30am (after the 9:00am mass) in English.

2019 SCHEDULE OF LENTEN DEVOTIONS & CELEBRATIONS

March

29th Friday, 3rd Week of Lent: 9:30 am Stations of the Cross in English; 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis

April

5th First Friday, 4th Week of Lent: 9:30 am: after Mass, Stations of the Cross (English) with the

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction.
- 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis; 7:00 pm Reflexión (en Español)

12th Friday, 5th Week of Lent: 9:00 am mass in English;

- 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross in English and Spanish & "Soup Supper".

THANK YOU: ANGELS OF GOD

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist thanks the Prayer Group "Angels of God" for their generosity to pay towards the cost of installing four galvanized hot drip steel gates to protect access and secure the Parish "Pastoral Center" (Old Convent Bldg.,). The cost of installing these gates was \$ 5,500.00. Thank you "Angels of God" prayer group. God bless you, your families and our Parish of St. John the Evangelist.

THANK YOU: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 615

St. John the Evangelist thanks the Brother "Knights of Columbus, Council 615" for generously paying towards the cost of installing a sliding steel gate on our Property (facing Bosworth Street), a swing gate and a fence closure to the parking area (along the Marsilly Street) to protect access and secure the Parish Grounds. The cost of the gates was \$ 1,875.00. Thank you brother "Knights of Columbus" Council 615 for your great gesture and kindness.

Fixing God's House Raffle: THANK YOU Hispanic Community (HPC)

Our Parish **Hispanic Community (HPC)** thanks you for supporting the "Fixing God's House" (FGH) Raffle. This initiative was designed to highlight the "FGH". The Gross total money collected was \$ 1,750.00.

The raffle was drawn last week, Sunday, March 17th. There was only one Prize of \$ 500.00 for this raffle. The lucky prize winner was Mr. Jenner Estrada. The net balance of the money collected \$1,250.00 has been deposited into the "Fixing God's House" account. Thank you, everyone of you who participated to make this a success!

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed.



The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
the power of the Highest hover over you;
Therefore, the child you bring to birth
will be called Holy, Son of God.

The feast of the **Annunciation** marks the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The feast is observed on March 25th, which is nine months before the Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus.

This date also coincides with the observance of Good Friday, when Holy Week occurs in the month of March.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

March 12th - March 17th, 2019

Tuesday's Spec coll.\$ 103.00

Tues. On-line giving\$ 5.00

Weekend Offering\$ 2,971.00

Weekend On-line giving..\$ 270.00