Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 7, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent (B)
Ex 20:1–17 or 20:1–3, 7–8, 12–17
1 Cor 1:22–25
Jn 2:13–25

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The Long Arm of the Law

Eventually you're going to get caught. That's what this expression means. And that is pretty much how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will get them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. The psalm verses for today insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People.

People who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said: "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the directives for flying a plane are what are uppermost. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- *The laws in today's first reading deal with basic living. Which ones seem to be the hardest to live by? Why?*
- *Which laws give you the most support as you try to live with integrity?*

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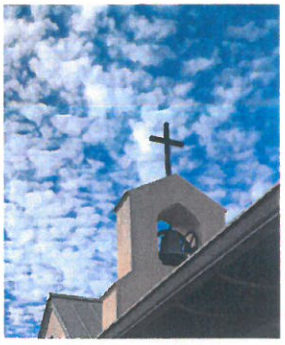

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Saint Day Celebrations for the Week

Mon Mar 8 Lenten Weekday
Tues Mar 9 Lenten Weekday
Wed Mar 10 Lenten Weekday
Thurs Mar 11 Lenten Weekday
Fri Mar 12 Lenten Weekday
Sat Mar 13 Lenten Weekday

Everyone is subjected to temptations. Some of them come from the world, through bad example; some from the devil, who circles about and approaches the weak especially; some from our passions: pride, idleness, envy, etc. In faith and humility we must always pray for tempted souls.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 6:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM

Weekday Masses:
Thurs. & Fri. 9AM
(9:30 Prayer-List Rosary)

Mon & Tues 9AM
Communion Service

Wednesday's
No Service
(Father Rudy's day off)

Confession Schedule

After Mass on Saturday
Vigil, Thurs & Fri

Nocturnal Adoration

Mondays
3:00PM – 8:00PM

Public Rosary

Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday 8:35AM

Please wear a mask

St. Anthony Church is committed to provide a Mass in a safe environment for all its parishioners. You must wear a mask and keep it on throughout the entire Mass out of concern for fellow parishioners. Protect yourself and others. This discipline is less about obedience and more about charity and the common good.

SECOND COLLECTION

March 13 & 14

For the Catholic Relief Services
(American Bishops' Overseas Appeal)

"The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man." - Dr. Mildred Jefferson

We fail. We sin. We fall. We humans are weak, so we turn to God for strength. During this penitential season, we are keenly aware of our need for mercy and forgiveness. God's mercy and forgiveness came to full fruition in Jesus, who redeemed us by taking on our failings, our sins, our mortality. God has the words of everlasting life, as we sing in the psalm today, so we look to God this day for words of mercy and love as we recommit ourselves to our Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Nosotros fallamos, pecamos y caemos. Los humanos somos débiles y por eso recurrimos a Dios, para que nos de fortaleza. Durante este tiempo penitencial estamos bien conscientes de la necesidad que tenemos de la misericordia y el perdón de Dios. La misericordia y el perdón de Dios llegaron a la plenitud de su relizacion en Jesus, que nos redimio tomando sobre si nuestros fallos, nuestros pecados y nuestra mortalidad. Dios tiene palabras de vida eterna, tal como rezamos con el salmo de hoy, y por eso acudimos a Dios en este dia para que nos de sus palabras de misericordia y de amor mientras que seguimos comprometidos con las disciplinas cuaresmales de oración, ayuno y limosna.

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Two Women's Silent Retreats are scheduled for this spring at St. Peter Upon the Water in Ingram, TX. This will be a two-day retreat set for Saturday, March 27, 8:00 AM thru Sunday, March 28th, 11:00 AM.
A one-day retreat is set for Saturday, May 1st, 7:30 AM thru 6:00 PM.
Our theme for both weekends: "Come Follow Me" Matthew 19:16-26. You may register and make payment online at St. Peter Upon the Water website. We do follow the CDC COVID-19 protocols therefore, space is limited so don't delay! If you have any questions call Rose Adami at 830-329-2666

SUNDAY OFFERING

Please continue to support our parish through this pandemic. If you are unable to attend Mass, we encourage you to make your Sunday Offering electronically by going to our website, mail or stop by the church office. Your support is very much needed and appreciated! Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Saturday (6PM) 30
Sunday (9AM) 90

WEEKLY INCOME

Offertory $3047.80
Cemetery ..... -
Building Fund $70.00
CCD $5.00
Flowers ..... -

REMINDER!

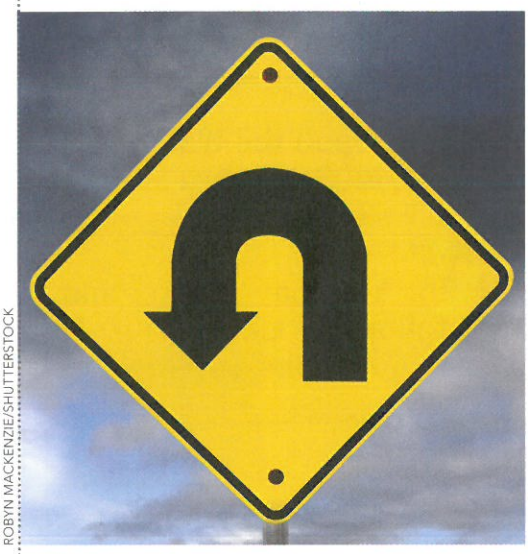
We are accepting donations for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one, and Easter Mass Remembrance in memory, or in honor of a loved one. Envelopes are located at the entrance of the church.

DATE	ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	USHERS
Sat Mar 13 6:00 PM MC: Paulette Leyendecker	George Seargeant	Art Hansen	Tommy Leyendecker
Sun Mar 14 9:00 AM MC: Wes Hollis	Zane Schubert	Kylie Wolsey	Jessica Wolsey

Dear Padre,

Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to *metanoia*. What did he mean?

Most of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your deacon is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to *metanoia*, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."



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We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to see a new direction and the courage to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make.

The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on metanoia. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to metanoia.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2018, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Calendar

Monday
MARCH 8
Lenten Weekday
2 Kgs 5:1—15ab
Lk 4:24–30

Tuesday
MARCH 9
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34–43
Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday
MARCH 10
Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5–9
Mt 5:17–19

Thursday
MARCH 11
Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23–28
Lk 11:14–23

Friday
MARCH 12
Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2–10
Mk 12:28–34

Saturday
MARCH 13
Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1–6
Lk 18:9–14

Sunday
MARCH 14
Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23
Eph 2:4–10
Jn 3:14–21

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MARCH NEWSLETTER 2021

I hope this letter finds you in good health and peace.

I want to give a heartfelt thank you to all those who had a part in the renewal of the rectory guest bedroom. Space does not allow for a listing of all those who had a part in this remodeling of the rectory guest bedroom. You know who you are and more importantly so does God and he will reward you. This room will be used for visiting priest who will be helping us with our masses.

Last month's ice storm that started on February 11th did a lot of damage to our property and to the Harper community. I am grateful to a group of men from Austin who came over and hauled off all the broken branches free of charge for all the churches in Harper. Please keep them in your prayers. Please also remember in your prayers all those who are still suffering from the devasting consequences of this storm. Let us do what we can to help each other. The rectory incurred significant water damage. I have submitted a claim to the Archdiocese and now they will be coordinating the reconstruction effort.

In your prayers, please remember Marie Vivian Rogers. Her Will was admitted to probate on December 8, 2020. Last month the parish received a communication stating St. Ann's Society of St. Anthony Catholic Church was named as a beneficiary in her Will. This action of hers will have a positive impact on all of us. Like Vivian, please consider remembering our parish in your Will. Please also remember Carolyn A. Jung. She was a long-time member of our parish and very active in the Harper and Doss communities. She will be dearly missed. May the souls of Carolyn and Vivian through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Our Lenten journey has started. During this time abstinence is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent for those 14 years old and older. Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by those 18 – 59 years of age. On these days, one full meal and two smaller meals are permitted. For those who cannot adhere to these practices due to health or wellbeing issue other actions suitable to their condition may be practiced.

Holy Week starts on March 28th. Our schedule will be the following:

Holy Thursday Mass, 6:30 pm
Good Friday Service, 1 pm
Easter Vigil Mass, 7 pm

I will be out of the parish from March 23 – 25th.

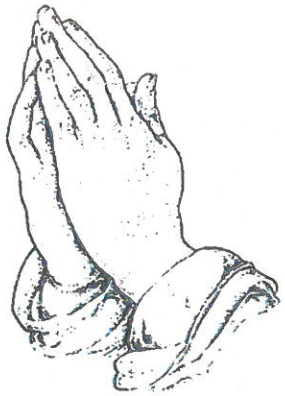
All Confirmation students are reminded of their mandatory retreat which will be on Saturday, April 10th from 8:30 – 2:30 pm. Please come a little early so the retreat can start on time.

We have a special community, and it is our people who make it that way. I am grateful to God for putting me here and I hope I can stay a long time. I have enjoyed getting to know some all of you and I look forward to knowing the rest of you. The winter storm we had tested our resolve but as a family we have prevailed. Know you can always count on me to be honest with you and to serve with all my heart. May the Holy Family of Jesus watch over us and protect us. Remember, God loves you and so do I.

Fr. Rudy T. Carrola, Jr.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Weekday Rosary



Please pray for all parishioners especially the following:

*Marilyn Lange
Camryn Robertson
*Werner Schumpelt
*Alice Schumpelt
Danny Longoria
Crystal Schlueter
Emilio Rendon
*Christi Klein
*Lynn Douglas
*Roger Kunz
*Danny Priess

Please join us after weekday Masses as we pray the Rosary

The Prayer List will be renewed every month. If you wish to keep a loved one on the list please call the parish office. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS
2021

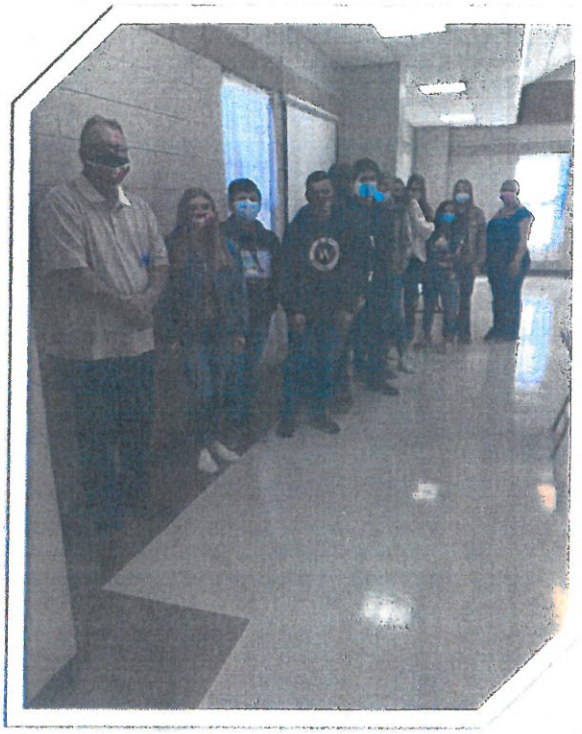
DATE	INTENTIONS	REQUESTED BY:
Saturday Mar 6	David Fleming + Dale Chaney + Alois Lange + Al Weinzierl + Souls in Purgatory	Rosemary Fleming Celie Baczewski Bernice Jenschke Richard & Parlet Leticia Darrow
Sunday Mar 7	For Rain John Fleming + Dale Chaney + Louis Florence Lange + Eunice Darrow	Bernice Jenschke Rosemary Fleming Celie Baczewski Bernice Jenschke Leticia Darrow
Thursday Mar 11	The Clergy of the Archdiocese of San Antonio Church & Joan Halper + Dale Chaney + Souls in Purgatory	Archdiocese Chuck & Joan Halper Celie Baczewski Leticia Darrow
Friday Mar 12	Ray & Rose Hummer + Dale Chaney + Eunice Darrow + Souls in Purgatory	Rosemary Fleming Celie Baczewski Leticia Darrow Leticia Darrow
Saturday Mar 13	David Fleming Jack & Betty Dore + Edmund Jenschke + Al Weinzierl + Mary Bernhard	Rosemary Fleming James O'Shea Bernice Jenschke Bernice Jenschke Bernice Jenschke
Sunday Mar 14	Joe Heinemann For Rain John Fleming + Al Weinzierl + Alois Lange	Leo Heinemann Bernice Jenschke Rosemary Fleming Bernice Jenschke Bernice Jenschke

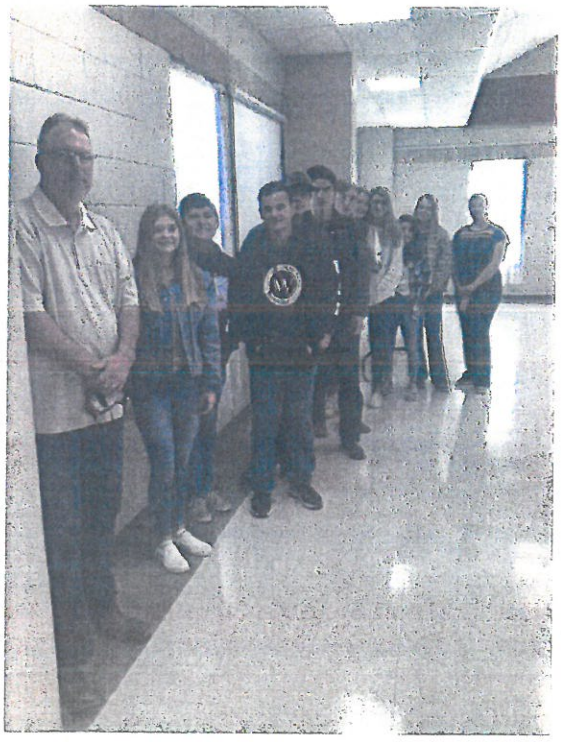
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2021 Confirmation Candidates

Carter Wood
Kenna Tatsch
George Seargeant
Kase Kramer
Annie Harper
Zane Schubert
Talli Millican
Bryn Wehmeyer
Micaela Darrow

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers. Bishop Michael Pfeifer will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at the 6:00 PM Mass.





CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Confirmation Retreat Day for all 9th & 10th grade students will take place in the Gitter Hall on Saturday, April 10th from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. This is part of Confirmation requirements. The theme of this special day retreat is *"You Count"*.

A CCD Confirmation Retreat will be held at St. Anthony's every two years. The next retreat will be in 2023.

A big thank you to Robert Schubert who has been preparing the Confirmation candidates to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you!

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9AM Com Svc 3-8 Adoration	2 9AM Com Svc	3 No Service 6PM Lent Reconciliation Service	4 9AM Mass	5 9AM Mass 6PM Stations of the Cross with Com Svc	6 5:30 Rosary 6PM Mass 7PM Confession
7 8:35 Rosary 9AM Mass St Ann's/St Anthony CCD	8 9AM Com Svc 3-8 Adoration	9 9AM Com Svc	10 No Service	11 9AM Mass	12 9AM Mass 6PM Stations of the Cross with Com Svc	13 5:30 Rosary 6PM Mass 7PM Confession
14 8:35 Rosary 9AM Youth Mass No CCD	15 9AM Com Svc 3-8 Adoration	16 9AM Com Svc	17 No Service	18 9AM Mass 5:30 Finance 6:30 Pastoral	19 9AM Mass 6PM Stations of the Cross with Com Svc	20 5:30 Rosary 6PM Mass 7PM Confession
	I——SPRING BREAK——				——I	
21 8:35 Rosary 9AM Mass No CCD	22 9AM Com Svc 3-8 Adoration	23 9AM Com Svc	24 No Service	25 No Mass 6PM Safety & Security	26 9AM Mass 6PM Stations of the Cross with Com Svc	27 5:30 Rosary 6PM Mass 7PM Confession Anniversary
		I——Father Rudy will be out of the parish——I				
28 Palm Sunday 8:35 Rosary 9AM Mass CCD Anniversary	29 9AM Com Svc 3-8 Adoration	30 9AM Com Svc	31 No Service			