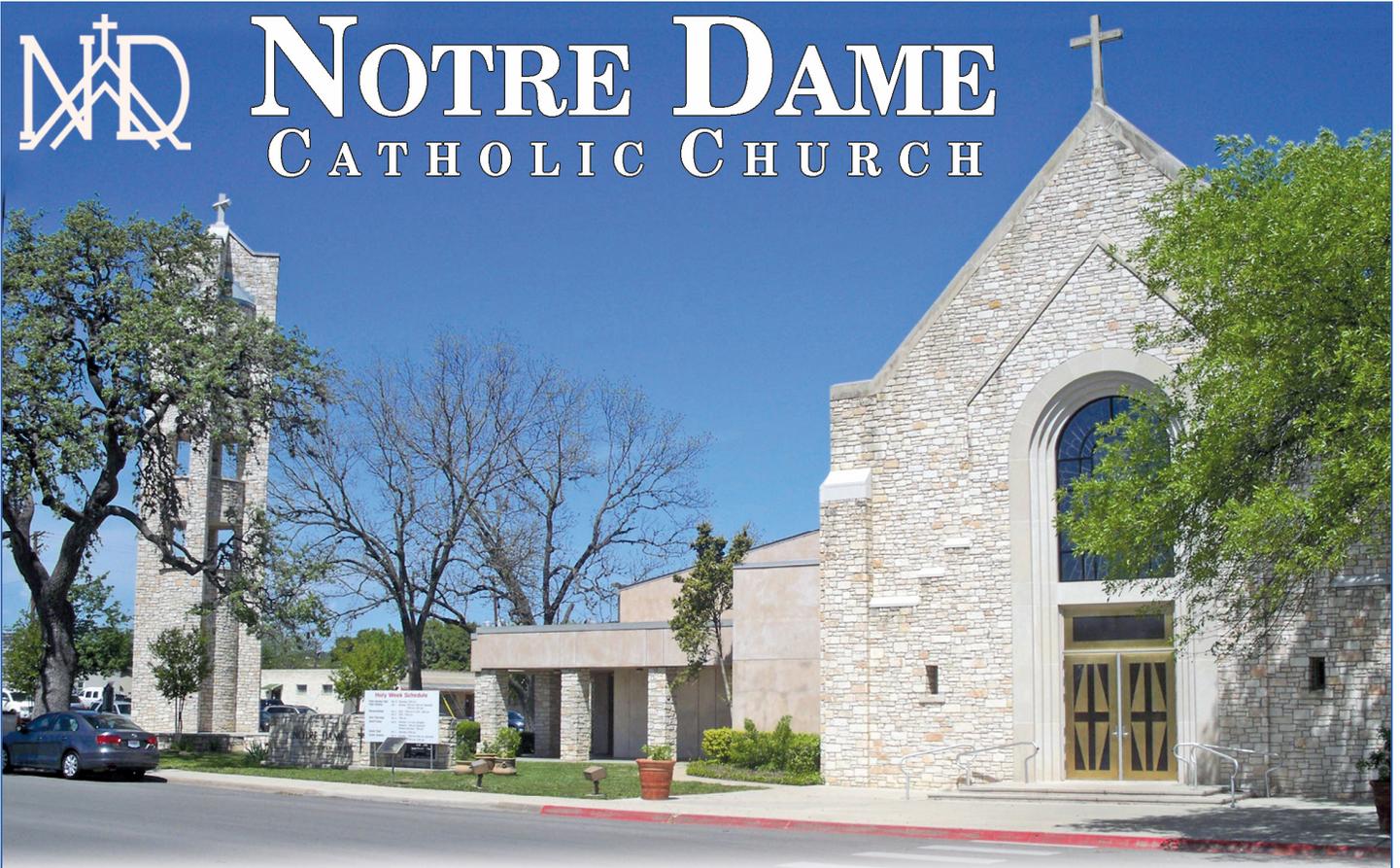




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Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021

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

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Fr. David R. Wagner, Pastor
Fr. Rafal A. Duda, Parochial Vicar



MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID

Sanctification – Part 3

Sanctification is the power of the Spirit given to us as believers so that we may live the Christian life. And the Christian life means a daily walk with the Lord, in the presence of the Lord, doing what He has commanded us to do. We cannot do that on our own any more than the apostles could have started a new church in Corinth or anywhere else.

The story has been told of a do-it-yourselfer who went into a hardware store early one morning and asked for a saw. The salesman took a chain saw from the shelf and commented that it was their newest model, with the latest in technology, guaranteed to cut ten cords of firewood a day. The customer thought that sounded pretty good, so he bought it on the spot.

The next day the customer returned, looking somewhat exhausted. "Something must be wrong with this saw," he complained. "I worked as hard as I could and only managed to cut three cords of wood. I used to cut four with my old-fashioned saw." Looking confused, the salesman said, "Here, let me try it out back on some wood we keep there." They went to the woodpile, the salesman pulled the cord, and as the motor started up and went *vroommm*, the astonished customer leaped back and exclaimed, "what's that noise?"

Sanctification is also something of which we constantly need to be reminded. The church in Corinth and at the time Paul was writing to them is a lot like our churches today in many ways. The church in Corinth was dealing with issues of unity and morality. One of the things that happened when the apostles began their missions was that the teaching of the Gospel clashed with some of the religious traditions and philosophical systems they encountered. Earlier in his letter to the Corinthians, Paul admits that the preaching of the Cross of Christ is foolishness to those who are perishing. The people in the Corinthian church had been raised on Greek philosophy. To the Greeks, the body was the object of scorn. The philosopher Epictetus said that the body was a tomb. The body was something the soul was imprisoned in and released from at death. The result of this thinking had two consequences. Greeks either resorted to extreme asceticism in which they denied the body and its instincts, or else they figured that since the body really didn't matter, they could do whatever they wanted with it. Since the body didn't matter, they could satisfy all its appetites however they wanted. And in Corinth there was plenty of opportunity to do just that.

Except that what many of the Corinthians were doing was wrong in the eyes of the Lord. Some of the things there were doing have no place in the Christian life. But to bring about real change in their lives, so that they could turn from ungodly living and submit to the transforming of their lives that God offers, they had to be reminded that they had indeed been washed and sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. And so Paul reminds us.

Very little of any real substance has changed since the time of the apostles. Human nature, fallen human nature is pretty much the same. And the sanctification of the Holy Spirit is still there, available to us, to enable us to believe, to trust, and to live our lives in step with the Lord and doing the will of the Father. Tap into it. Pull the cord on your chainsaws! Amen.

Blessings in Jesus, Fr. David

Santificación – 3ª Parte

La santificación es el poder del Espíritu que se nos ha dado como creyentes para que podamos vivir la vida cristiana. Y la vida cristiana significa un caminar diario con el Señor, en la presencia del Señor, haciendo lo que Él nos ha mandado hacer. No podemos hacer eso por nuestra cuenta más de lo que los Apóstoles podrían haber comenzado una nueva Iglesia en Corinto o en cualquier otro lugar.

Se ha contado la historia de un aficionado al bricolaje que entró en una ferretería una mañana temprano y pidió una sierra. El vendedor sacó una moto sierra del estante y comentó que era su modelo más nuevo, con lo último en tecnología, garantizado para cortar diez cordones de leña al día. El cliente pensó que sonaba bastante bien, por lo que la compró en el acto.

Al día siguiente, el cliente regresó, luciendo algo exhausto. "Algo debe estar mal con esta sierra", se quejó. "Trabajé tan duro como pude y solo logré cortar tres cuerdas de madera. Solía cortar cuatro con mi antigua sierra". El vendedor, confundido, dijo: "Déjeme probarlo en un poco de madera que guardamos aquí". Fueron a la pila de leña, el vendedor tiró del cable, y cuando el motor se puso en marcha, el asombrado cliente dio un salto hacia atrás y exclamó: "¿Qué es ese ruido?"

La santificación también es algo que debemos recordar constantemente. La Iglesia en Corinto y en el momento en que San Pablo les escribía se parece mucho a nuestras iglesias hoy en día en muchos aspectos. La Iglesia de Corinto estaba lidiando con cuestiones de unidad y moralidad. Una de las cosas que sucedió cuando los Apóstoles comenzaron sus misiones fue que la enseñanza del Evangelio chocó con algunas de las tradiciones religiosas y sistemas filosóficos que encontraron. Al principio de su Carta a los Corintios, San Pablo admite que la predicación de la Cruz de Cristo es una locura para los que se pierden. La gente de la Iglesia de Corinto se había educado en la filosofía Griega. Para los Griegos, el cuerpo era objeto de desprecio. El filósofo Epicteto dijo que el cuerpo era una tumba. El cuerpo era algo en lo que el alma estaba aprisionada y liberada al morir. El resultado de este pensamiento tuvo dos consecuencias. Los Griegos recurrieron a un ascetismo extremo en el que negaban el cuerpo y sus instintos, o bien pensaban que, dado que el cuerpo realmente no importaba, podían hacer lo que quisieran con él. Como el cuerpo no importaba, podían satisfacer todos sus apetitos como quisieran. Y en Corinto hubo muchas oportunidades para hacer precisamente eso.

Excepto que lo que muchos de los Corintios estaban haciendo estaba mal a los ojos del Señor. Algunas de las cosas que estaban haciendo no tienen cabida en la vida cristiana. Pero para lograr un cambio real en sus vidas, de modo que pudieran dejar la vida impía y someterse a la transformación de sus vidas que Dios ofrece, tenían que recordarles que de hecho habían sido lavados, santificados y justificados en el nombre del Señor Jesucristo y en el Espíritu de nuestro Dios. Y así nos lo recuerda San Pablo.

Muy poco de cualquier sustancia real ha cambiado desde la época de los Apóstoles. La naturaleza humana, la naturaleza humana caída es más o menos la misma. Y la santificación del Espíritu Santo todavía está ahí, disponible para nosotros, para permitirnos creer, confiar y vivir nuestras vidas en sintonía con el Señor y haciendo la voluntad del Padre. Aprovecha. ¡Tira del cable de tus motosierras! Amén.

¡Bendiciones En Jesús!, Padre David

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Saint Ignatius of Loyola – The Pilgrim Saint

Was a son of the local landowner, born in 1491 in the castle at Loyola. Here, in Spain's Basque province, he was brought up in the cottage of the blacksmith's wife, Maria de Garian and had little formal education. As page at court he served first the treasurer of the Kingdom of Castille, then the Duke of Najera. Up to his twenty-sixth year Ignatius was, in his own words, 'a man given over to the vanities of the world, and took a special delight in the exercise of arms, with a great and vain desire of winning glory'. In the pursuit of such glory, this courtier was stirred to defend the town of Pamplona in the name of King Ferdinand of Spain from an attacking French army. The town's Governor saw the futility of resistance to the vastly superior French forces and advised surrender. But the foolhardy Ignatius rallied a handful of men to defend the town's citadel. On 20th May 1521, during this desperate action, French cannon fire smashed into both his legs.

Dreams and discernment After his legs were set - badly - the invalid was carried on a stretcher to his native Loyola. For eight months Ignatius languished in bed. At his own insistence his leg was broken twice more by doctors in an attempt to correct a limp which had developed. This treatment brought the patient close to death, but recovery began on the feast of St Peter. As he lay on his sickbed, Ignatius dreamt of the noble deeds he would undertake, the feats of great daring, the romance of winning the lady he admired. Then, inspired by the only reading material available – The Lives of the Saints - he dreamt of doing great deeds for God, imitating the great saints like Francis and Dominic and walking barefoot to Jerusalem. These dreams too inspired Ignatius but, unlike the dreams of romantic gallantry, they left him feeling contented and joyful. Slowly he began to realize that joy and contentment came in the following of Christ.

From vanity to poverty As soon as he regained his health, Ignatius left home on pilgrimage with a determination to serve Christ and the Virgin Mary. Before the statue of the Black Madonna at the shrine of Montserrat, the pilgrim renounced his former ways with all its vanities and dedicated himself to his new Master. From this time on he lived a simple lifestyle, embracing poverty. From the Benedictine monastery of Montserrat high among the wild and jagged peaks, the pilgrim descended to the bustle of the nearby town of Manresa, and for ten months Ignatius learned to interpret the way in which God deals with the individual soul. He first punished his body. Reacting against his former tendency to vanity he gave away his fine clothes in exchange for rough sacking. He cut neither hair nor nails and took no care of his appearance. He begged daily for his meagre food.

This way of life brought him to the edge of despair, tormented as he was by guilt. But gradually he began to see that this was the work of the Tempter. So he gave up his self-punishing exercises. He was discovering for himself that the acceptance of the Lord is total, the forgiveness of the Lord is free, not bought with self-inflicted penances. Sitting in his cave by the banks of the Cardoner river, Ignatius prayed. The fruits of his meditation laid the foundations for his Spiritual Exercises. He then put his own hard-won experience to work and sought to help others in interpreting the ways of the Lord for themselves through the Exercises.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

From Manresa the pilgrim set out on the long journey to Jerusalem. Braving the dangers of a war-torn Mediterranean, he begged his way to the Holy Land, in 1523. In Jerusalem he spent time devotedly walking in the footsteps of Our Lord. He returned to his native Spain in order to find Christ, not in the romantic notion of converting the world, or living in the land trod so long ago by Jesus, but in the mundane events of daily life in his own country.

Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 7, 2021-Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,7-8, 12-17, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25(29) or, for Year A, Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42(28)

7:45am (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	†Anastacio Mendiola
9:15 am (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	†Clemente Alvarado Jr.
11:00am (<i>Fr. Dave</i>)	People of the Parish
5:00 pm (<i>Fr. Dave</i>)	†Billie Sleet

Monday, March 8, 2021-Saint John of God, Religious

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab, Lk 4:24-30(237)

12:00 pm (<i>Fr. David</i>)	†Ramiro "Flaco" Saldana
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Tuesday, March 9, 2021-Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35(238)

7:00 am (<i>Fr. David</i>)	Mass offered for Salvador Vazquez
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Wednesday, March 10, 2021-Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19 (239)

12:00 pm (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	†Walter Schattel
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Thursday, March 11, 2021-Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23(240)

12:00 pm (<i>Fr. David</i>)	Mass offered for Mary & Dave Weekly 52nd Wedding Anniversary
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Friday, March 12, 2021-Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34(241)

8:00 am (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	†Adelmira Rendon
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Saturday, March 13, 2021-

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21 (32) or, for Year A, 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38(31)

5:00 pm (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	Mass offered for Champion-Dominguez Families
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Sunday, March 14, 2021-Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21 (32) or, for Year A, 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38(31)

7:45 am (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	†Anastacio Mendiola
9:15 am (<i>Fr. Rafal</i>)	†Marina Moreno
11:00 am (<i>Fr. David</i>)	†Bobby Jenschke
5:00 pm (<i>Fr. David</i>)	People of the Parish



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 8, 2021—GOOD SHEPHERD, 5:00 p.m. in Kemper Hall.

Monday, March 8, 2021—BOY SCOUTS, 6:45 p.m. in the Gym.

Monday, March 8, 2021—CURSILLOS/ULTREYA, 7:00 p.m. in the Social Center. All are Welcome!
Lunes, 8 de marzo—CURSILLOS/ULTREYA a las 7:00 p.m. en el Centro Social. Todos Bienvenidos!

Tuesday, March 9, 2021—Guadalupanas, 5:30 p.m. in the Social Center.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021—RCIA, 6:00 p.m. in the Fireplace RM.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021—INGLES TAMBIÉN, 5:00 p.m. in the Fireplace RM.



Friday, March 12, 2021—STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 6:00 p.m. in English, 7:00 p.m. in Spanish in the Church. All are Welcome!

Viernes, 12 de marzo 2021—ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ, 6:00 p.m. en inglés, 7:00 p.m. en español en la iglesia. ¡Todos Bienvenidos!



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Wednesday, March 10, 2021—GOOD SHEPHERD, 5:00 p.m. in Kemper Hall.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021—EDGE, 5:30 p.m. in Kemper Hall Youth RM.

Thursday, March 11, 2021—CATHOLIC WAY BIBLE STUDY, 8:30 a.m. in the Fireplace RM.

Thursday, March 11, 2021 - M.O.S.T. (Ministerio Oracion Santisimo Trinidad), 7:00 p.m. in the Fireplace RM.

Jueves, 11 de marzo 2021—M.O.S.T., 7:00 p.m. en el cuarto de chimenea.

Friday, March 12, 2021—DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET, 3:00 p.m. in the Church.

Saturday, March 13, 2021—Reconciliation 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Church. All are Welcome!



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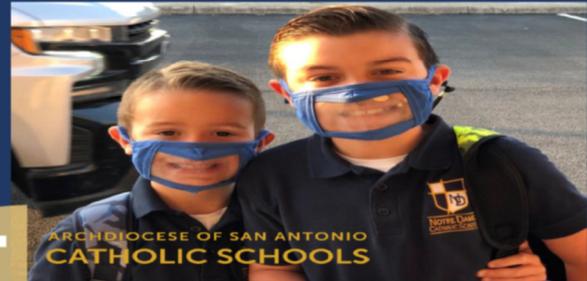
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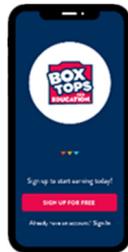
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Simply donate one can of food or a non-perishable item for each of the 40 days of Lent. Donations may be dropped off in the narthex of Notre Dame Catholic Church through Easter Sunday. Cash donations will also be accepted, and are encouraged. Please Mail to: **K of C Council 6409, c/o 40 Cans for Lent, P.O. Box 291492, Kerrville, TX 78029.**

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Lent provides an opportunity for each of us to give generously – to show gratitude for God's gift to us and to share those gifts with others.

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, March 7, 2021 from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Social Center.

Blood is in short supply; please give the gift of life, give blood. Please register online or call/text John Windlinger at 847-312-3194 to register.

Please join us in the Silence!

Two Women's Silent Retreats are schedule for this spring at St. Peter upon the Water!

2 day retreat set for Saturday, March 27th, 8:00 a.m. thru Sunday, March 28th, 11:00 a.m.

1 day retreat set for Saturday, May 1st, 7:30 a.m. thru 6:00 p.m.

Our Theme is: "Come Follow Me"
Matthew 19: 16-26

Please register online at St. Peter Upon the Water website. We do follow the CDC COVID protocols therefore, space is limited so don't delay!

If you have any questions, you may call Rose Adami at 830-329-2666.



"Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and saw a poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, "...this poor widow has put in more than all"
Luke 21:1-4



"Alzando la mirada, [Jesús] vio a unos ricos que echaban sus donativos en el arca del Tesoro; vio también a una viuda pobre que echaba allí dos moneditas, y dijo: "...esta viuda pobre ha echado más que todos"
Lucas 21: 1-4



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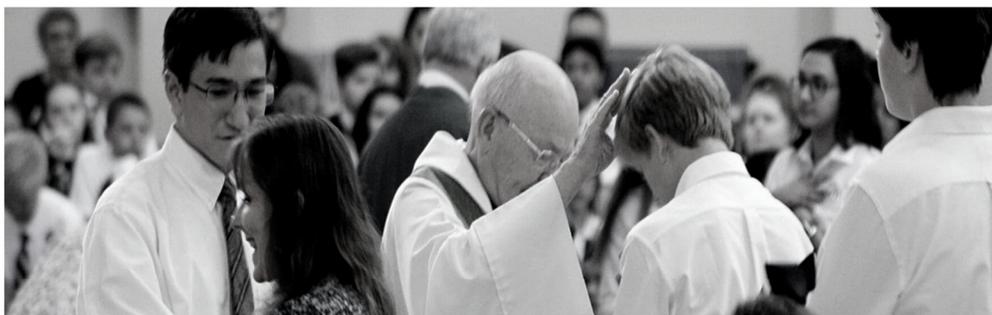
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