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From the Great Fathers

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope

The Lord reveals his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses. His body is like that of the rest of mankind, but he makes it shine with such splendour that his face becomes like the sun in glory, and his garments as white as snow.

The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed.

With no less forethought he was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift: the members of that body were to look

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Feb. 26	Daniel 9:4-10 Psalm 79 Luke 6:36-38
Feb. 27	Isaiah 1:10-20 Psalm 50 Matthew 23:1-12
Feb. 28	Jeremiah 18:18-20 Psalm 31 Matthew 20:17-28
Mar. 1	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 Luke 16:19-31
Mar. 2	Genesis 37:3-28 Psalm 105 Matthew 21:33-46
Mar. 3	Micah 7:14-20 Psalm 103 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

A guide to Lenten fast and abstinence may be found on page 15.

On the Cover: Tiziano Vecelli (Titian), 1560. *Transfiguration*. Oil on canvas. Church of San Salvador, Venice.

Toward a Deeper Experience of Lent

Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia

History is a great teacher, sometimes in unusual and very personal ways. Here's an example.

Reading the *Reichskonkordat* ("Reich concordat" with the German state) today, 85 years after its 1933 signing, sparks some interesting thoughts. Structured as a treaty to govern the relations between the Holy See and German government, the text is remarkably positive. It's also thorough. As deals go, this was a good one. The state got a stable legal relationship with a well-organized, potentially troublesome, and internationally connected religious minority. The Church got protection for her people.

A few problematic passages in the text do exist. Article 14.2 obliges the Church to consult the German Reich on the appointment of archbishops and coadjutors. Article 16 requires new bishops to take an oath of loyalty to the state. But details like these weren't unknown in Europe's historical context. The concordat's guarantees of Church freedom to profess and practice the Catholic faith, and to pursue Catholic education and social ministries without interference, are extensive, explicit, and generous.

They were also empty. The Reich began violating the deal almost as soon as the ink on the treaty was dry. State pressure on Church life was so harsh by 1937 – just four years later — that Pius XI's encyclical, *Mit brennender Sorge* ("With burning concern") had to be smuggled into the country. It was read from all of Germany's pulpits on Palm Sunday of that year. In it, the Holy Father condemned the Reich's (Nazi-directed) neo-paganism, race hatred, "Aryanized" Christianity, widespread attack on human rights, and contempt for the Old Testament. In response, the state simply doubled down on its pressure.

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R.I.P.

Terry McCadden

1954-2018

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Terry McCadden, an instituted Acolyte and long-time member of the parish, died tragically on February 5. Terry served most frequently at the 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday. A professional plumber, Terry was highly respected by his many clients.

Terry participated in SOS Missions, travelling to Guatemala over the period of ten years, to serve impoverished communities. Terry is survived by his wife of forty-one years, Lynette, their two children, and five grandchildren.

Lynette has asked that we publish this note of appreciation:

> "I want to express my sincere appreciation to the many clergy, acolytes, altar serves, choir, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, the Parish Nursing Ministry, Helping Hands and all the community that came out to celebrate Terry's life.
>
> "We have been so blessed to have you all a part of our lives over so many years and I am so thankful for all your prayers, love and support during this time. I have felt God's loving embrace hold me and carry me through this tragic time. Thanks to each and everyone of you for being instruments of God! I can't begin to express my appreciation. God bless you all and my prayers are with you too."

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Mass Schedule

Monday—Friday
- 6:30 a.m. English
- 9:00 a.m. English
- 7:00 p.m. English

*On Friday, the evening Mass is in Vietnamese (**Tiếng Việt**)*

- 7:30 p.m. Miércoles en Español

Saturday
- 9:00 a.m. English

Anticipated Masses
- 5:00 p.m. English
- 6:30 p.m. Español
- 8:00 p.m. Tiếng Việt

Sunday Masses
- 7:00 a.m. English
- 8:30 a.m. English
- 10:30 a.m. English
- 12:15 p.m. English
- 2:00 p.m. Español
- 5:30 p.m. English
- 7:30 p.m. Español

Confession

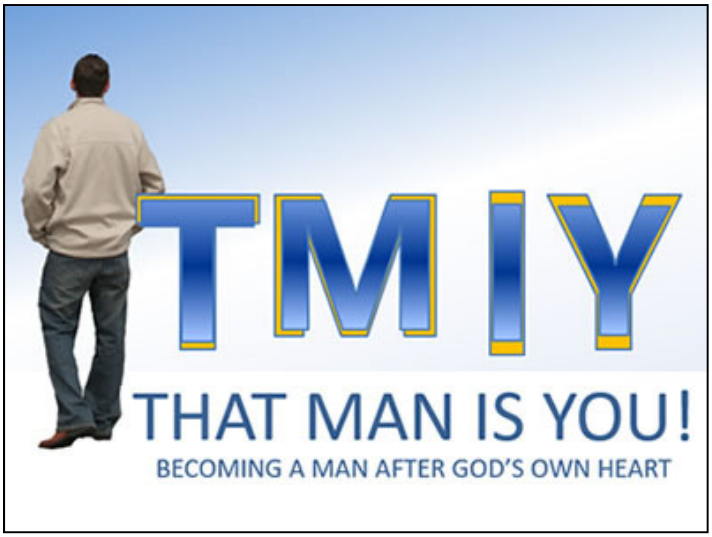
Tuesday—Thursday
- 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday
- 5:45 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

Friday
- 5:45 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

Saturday
- 3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

First Friday
- 8:00 a.m.—8:45 a.m.
- 5:45 p.m.—6:45 p.m.



Wednesday mornings 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
in the Community Life Center

New Session Underway!

Invest a little time in yourself to become a better husband, father and spiritual leader in your family! Coffee, juice, donuts & kolaches are served to jump start your morning.

No cost, preparation or outside commitments! Just come, listen and learn!

Spring Program: The Unveiling of Love

This Week's Program: Set Your Mind on the Things Above

- The Path of Prayer
- The Story of Tobias and Sarah
- Illumination for Tobit and Tobias
- Guidance for the Holy Family
- The Path in the Illuminative Way
- Receiving the Light of Scripture
- The Story of the Rosary

Visit our website at www.paradisusdei.org and click on "Learn More" in the That Man is You section or contact Carlos Alatorre at 832-265-7708 or by e-mail at: calatorre@enersteeloftexas.com

Wherever you are in your spiritual life, Jesus Christ wants to meet you right there and take you further!

Lighthouse CD of the Week

Religionless Spirituality: Why We Need the Church
by Dr. Tim Gray

Dr. Tim Gray, provides an explanation of the importance of the visible Church and the centrality of God on Earth. He clarifies the role of the Church as an essential part of God's plan for salvation, which are sure to help those who have left her, or who mistakenly claim to be "spiritual, but not religious."

Parishioner Comments – "Simply awesome! A truly informative talk on the importance of the Church." "Dr. Gray's presentation made it completely clear just how essential it is to know the 'story' of the Church."

Your generous donations to cover our cost will assure the continued availability of these wonderful resources!

Knights of Columbus Council no. 8096

If you are a Catholic man and you are not a member of the Knights of Columbus, you are missing a wonderful opportunity to transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith plus many more benefits.

We meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30pm, with a small meal served @ 7pm, in the Community Life Center (CLC). Contact Grand Knight Bob Kossman @ seaskc8096@gmail.com or Membership Director, Michael Hamilton @ kphamilton97@hotmail.com. KofC8096.org

Scholarship Opportunity

SEAS Knights of Columbus and SEAS Ladies Auxiliary are again offering scholarships to our parish's graduating high school seniors.

Applications are available in the Church office. Graduating high school senior pursuing a post-secondary education at a University, Community College or Technical School are eligible to apply. **Application deadline is April 17, 2018** - no exceptions. Please refer to the application for further details.

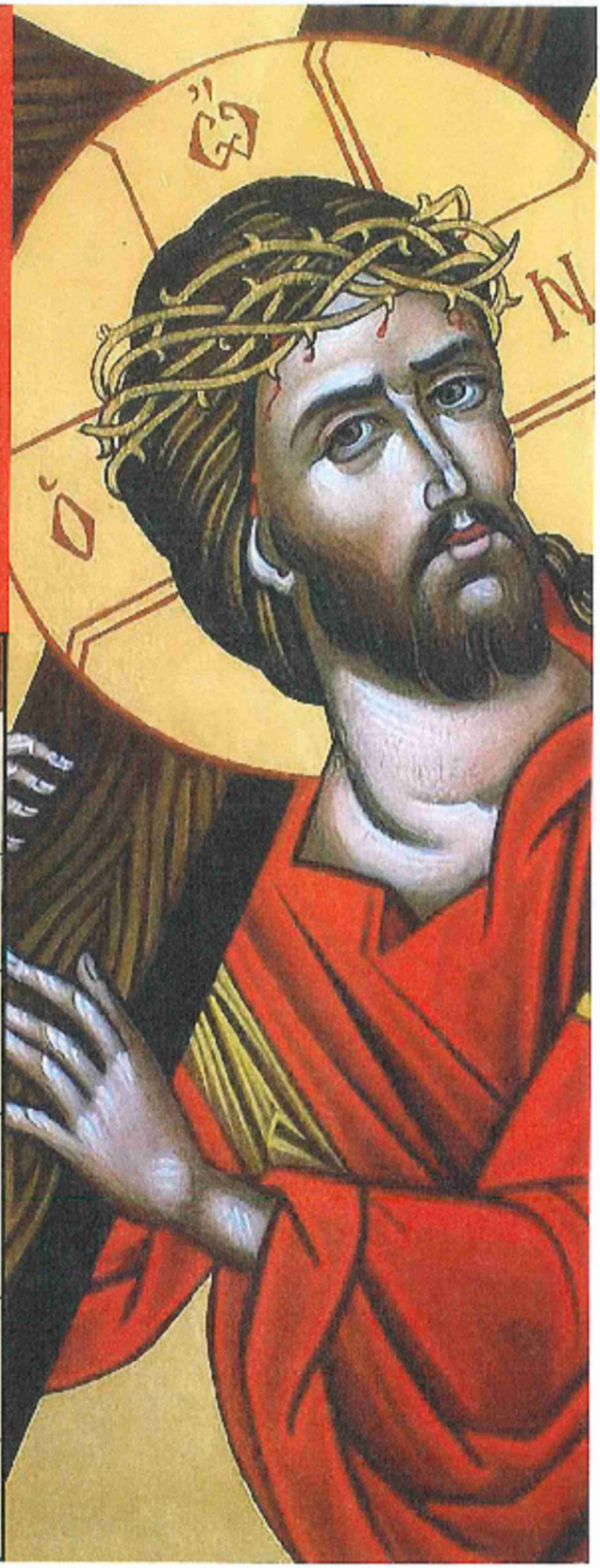
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Viacrucis

5:00PM en la iglesia

Acompáñenos a orar y meditar la Pasión y Muerte de Nuestro Señor en las Estaciones de la Cruz

Fecha	Patrocinado por
16 de Febrero	Grupo Apóstoles de la Divina Misericordia y Proclamadores
23 de Febrero	Coro, Monaguillos, Grupo de Jóvenes
2 de Marzo	Ministerio de Hospitalidad y Grupo Carismático
9 de Marzo	Ministros Extraordinarios de Comunión y Movimiento Cursillo
16 de Marzo	Movimiento Familiar Cristiano y Estudio de Biblia (Martes)
23 de Marzo	Legión de María y Encuentro Matrimonial



Charismatic Prayer Group

"The Hour has come for the Son of Man to be Glorified." (Mk 1:15)

During the month of March, we find ourselves deep into our Lenten journey with Jesus as forces are coming together against Him. Despite His good deeds of healing and His teachings of love for God and one another, the evils of fear and jealousy are rising against Him. Let's pray not to let ourselves be overcome by the trials and temptations. If you are looking for more ways to connect your life with your faith, please join us on Friday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room of the Family Life Center for live music of praise and worship, sharing God's Word and intercessory prayers for healing and thanksgiving. Fellowship and light refreshments follow.

March 2: "Jesus is the true temple."

March 9: "Jesus is the light of the world"

March 16: "Whoever serves Me must follow Me."

March 23: Reflection on the "Way of the Cross"

March 30: Good Friday (No Meeting)

Discussion topics at our March gatherings are from the Gospels of: Jn 2:13-25, 3:14-21,12:20-33, Mk14:1-15

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offering—February 18, 2018

• Regular offertory	$ 33,803
• St. Vincent de Paul	10,331

Diocesan Services Fund (DSF)

• Parish goal	$270,000
• Pledged-to-date	$ 46,187
• Paid-to-date	$ 24,146
• Number of participants	156

Parish Apostolates

Northwest Ultreya

Ultreya is part of Cursillo, a Catholic lay movement that offers an opportunity to meet Christ in a more complete way. Cursillo provides a lifetime plan for following Christ through prayer, study and action, in friendship with others. We meet at 9:45 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month in the FLC. Contact Duane King 281-615-8942.

Helping Hands Ministry

We assist families in pre-planning for funerals. To schedule an appointment, please call Beth Wood at 281-413-9682. Bereavement support in the form of printed Carenotes specific to a family's need is provided at the time of a Funeral or Memorial Mass.

Parish Nursing Ministry

The Parish Nursing ministry is comprised of health care professionals and others who have the health of our parishioners at heart. They are nurses, therapists, educators, and experts in the fields of health promotion. Some work in home health, elderly assistance, aging, hospice, general medicine, surgery, oncology, obstetrics, domestic violence and intensive care. They work to coordinate care for parishioners in their time of need. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month. Please feel free to call Wyona (281-433-5365) or Kim (832-746-1135) if you have health questions or would like to join this growing ministry.

S.E.E.D.S. Pre-School Registration

Our preschool program serving children 18 months to five years of age. We are Nationally Accredited through NAEYC. We are currently enrolling for 2 day, 3 day and 5 day session options, but filling up quickly. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our quality program contact our office at 281-855-2503. We offer tours at your convenience please call or stop by. www.seedsrootedinlove.org

St. Joseph Altar

The SEAS Italian Club will be hosting a celebration to St. Joseph in the CLC, on Sunday, March 11 beginning at 10:30 a.m. for the blessing and feeding of the "saints" followed by a traditional pasta dinner from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Donations accepted in exchange for the meal. Proceeds go to feed the poor in our community.

Parish Apostolates

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for people who are thinking of becoming Catholic. It is for people who have not been baptized, people of other faiths or people who have been baptized Catholic but did not complete the sacraments of Initiation. We gradually explore the beliefs of the Catholic Church and discern, over a period of many months, the path to union with the holy Church. Please call: Nadia Jara: 281- 463-7878 ext. 337 or at njara@seascatholic.org

Eucharistic Adoration

For the next few weeks, we have need of adorers at the following hours: Monday: Midnight—1:00 a.m. and 6:00—7:00 a.m.; Tuesday: 2:00 –3:00 a.m.; Noon—1:00 p.m.; Wednesday: Midnight—1:00 a.m.; Thursday: 6:00 –7:00 p.m.; Friday: 10:00—11:00 p.m.; and Sunday from (;00—10:00 a.m. Contact Suzanne Porter at 281-855-7235 or at saporter@sbcglobal.net

Respect Life Committee

For information about upcoming pro-life activities, you are invited to call Lia Mclean at 832-766-2634, or contact her by e-mail: liapmc@gmail.com.

Confirmation Preparation for Adults

Classes begin soon, pre-registration is required. To register or more information contact Nadia Jara al 281-463-7878 x 337 or njara@seascatholic.org

Family Day: Save the Date

Family Day is back! Save the date now—June 2— and join us for a day of activities, food, and fun for the families of our parish. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Regina Caeli Academy Open House

Join us at St Ignatius of Loyola parish on Sunday, March 4th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 7810 Cypresswood Dr.,in Spring. RCA is a hybrid academy, serving students from preschool-12th grade. RCA students attend classes two days per week and are home schooled the remaining days. For more information visit www.rcahybrid.org or call Aimee Harashe, Center Coordinator of Education at 281-698-0329. We look forward to welcoming you to RCA!

St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

We thank you for your continued support of our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry. Our mission is truly a blessing to all whom we serve. Here is a summary of our January activity:

ASSISTANCE/ASISTENCIA:	
Food/Comida	$ 425.00
Rent/Renta	$ 6,206.09
Electric/ Electricidad	$ 3,261.17
Water /Agua	$ 501.32
Natural Gas/Natural Gas	$ 207.35
Transportation/Gasolina	$ 25.00
Trash Service/Serviciode Basura	$ 145.56
Disaster Relief/ Alivio de desastres	
Council Gift Cards/ Tarjetas de Regalo	$ 200.00
TOTAL ASSISTANCE/ASISTENCIA TOTAL	$ 10,971.49

Note: Categories include Harvey Relief recipients. Las categorías de asistencia anteriores incluyen a los receptores de asistencia de Harvey

SVDP OVERHEAD/GASTOS GENERALES:	
Office Phones/ Teléfonos de Oficina	$ 22.01
Postage/Franqueo	$ 25.00
Checks/Cheques	$ 45.90
TOTAL OVERHEAD/TOTAL SOBRECARGA	$ 92.91
January Contributions/Contribuciones:	$ 11,296.49

Phone: 281-463-4560 Email: SVDPOne@gmail.com
Hours: M-W-F 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Horas Oficina: Lun-Mierc-Vier 9:00 a.m.- 12 Mediodia
Phone: 281-463-4560

Calling All Swimmers

CONCORD BRIDGE DOLPHINS

Concord Bridge Swim Team wants you to be part of the team!

Registration information is available on our website: cbstdolphins.com

No prior team experience is required.

Si deseas recibir y compartir la Misericordia de Dios

Te invitamos a las conferencias de la

Novena a la Divina Misericordia 2018

Fecha	Hora	Lugar
30 de Marzo	1:00 pm	FLC
31 de Marzo	6:00 pm	CLC
Del 1 al 6 de Abril	6:00 pm	CLC
Sábado 7 de Abril	5:00 pm	CLC

El domingo 8 de Abril, día de la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia, tendremos el retiro

"El Amor de Dios"

de 9:00 am a 1:30 pm en el CLC. La entrada es GRATIS (Guardería disponible solo para el retiro)
Terminaremos la Gran Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia con la Misa de 2:00 pm

Para mayor información llamar a Randa Yehya al 281-818-8452 / Olivia Vizcaino al 346-804-3060

Legión de María

Formación de Adultos
Martes FLC 9 7:30 p.m.
Patricia Romo 713-302-1272

Martes FLC 10 7:30 p.m.
Liliana Díaz 281-723-2328

Viernes FLC 9, 6:15p.m.
Marlene Rocha 832-410-5273

Jóvenes 10-18 años
Viernes FLC 9 7:45 p.m.
Marlene Rocha 832-410-5273

Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos S.E.A.S. Pescador

Te invita todos los martes en el Prayer Room (FLC) a las 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. A formar parte del Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos de tu comunidad St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (18-35) años edad requerida. Te esperamos, todos los jóvenes de la parroquia son bienvenidos y formar parte de su Comunidad SEAS Pescador. Visión: Guiados por 1 Timoteo 4:12 (que nadie te menosprecie por tu juventud) a ser pescadores de jóvenes adultos siendo fuertes y valerosos no temas ni te acobardes por que el señor, tu Dios estará con nosotros a donde quiera que vayamos (Josué 1,9).

Grupo de estudio Bíblico

Les invitamos a ser parte de nuestro grupo de estudio Bíblico, que se reúne todos los martes durante el año escolar, de 12:30-2:30 p.m. en el FLC. Nuestra próxima reunión será Sept 12, 2017. Favor de mandar mensaje por texto con cualquier pregunta al 281-620-8308 attn: Guadalupe Ortiz.

R.I.C.A. para Adultos

Proceso de preparación para la celebración de los sacramentos del Bautismo, Primera Eucaristía y Confirmación para Adultos. ¿Está pensando en la preparación sacramental de Adultos? RICA, Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos, es un proceso de discernimiento y preparación para las personas interesadas en aprender más sobre la Iglesia Católica, Si usted está interesado, o un pariente, amigo o compañero que le ha manifestado interés anímelo a comunicarse con:

Nadia Jara al 281- 463-7878 ext. 337
njara@seascatholic.org

TALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA

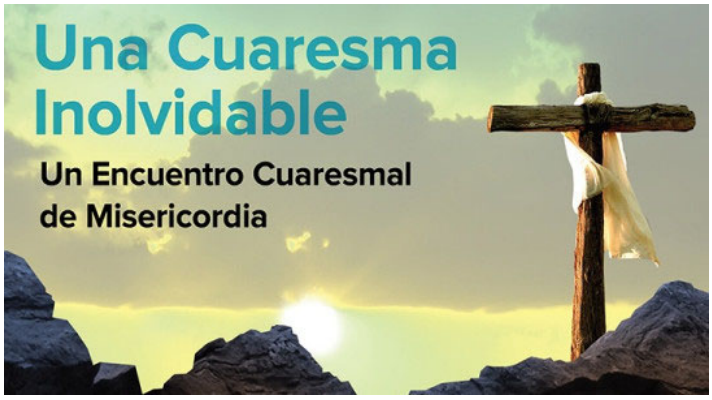
Aprende a orar …Para aprender a vivir
La oración será tu mejor arma para hacer frente a la vida y a los problemas con alegría, paz y determinación.
Taller para adultos – Consta de 15 sesiones empezando
Martes, 20 de Febrero 2018
Hora: 7-9 pm, Salón FLC #1

"Te esperamos juntos a Cristo con los brazos abiertos"
Contacto: Raquel Caylor 832-274-2178

Retiro de ACTS

- Mujeres: Del 22 al 25 de marzo de 2018
- Hombres: Del 6 al 9 de diciembre de 2018

El costo es $200.00 por 4 días, la comida y el hospedaje es incluido. La inscripción para mujeres comenzará en enero. Un depósito de $ 50.00 reservará su lugar! (Los $ 50.00 no son reembolsables). Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Mary Jove, codirectora, por teléfono al 713-855-9652 o por e-mail a seas.acts.womensSpanish@gmail.com No dejes pasar este tiempo maravilloso. ¡No Te Arrepentirás!



A través de las muy aclamadas series originales del Augustine Institute, Symbolon y Perdonado: El Poder Transformador de la Confesión, *Una Cuaresma Inolvidable* explora los caminos por los cuales Dios sale a nuestro encuentro con su misericordia.

En el sufrimiento Pascual de Cristo en la cruz y con sus brazos abiertos a todos los que lo buscan en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, Dios se hace presente con todo su amor y todo su ser para el mundo entero. Reflexionando el Misterio Pascual y llevándonos paso a paso por el rito de la confesión, *Una Cuaresma Inolvidable* nos recuerda que Dios se acerca a cada uno de nosotros durante la cuaresma para que experimentemos su amor infinito e indescriptible.

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forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head.

The Lord had himself spoken of this when he foretold the splendour of his coming: Then the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Saint Paul the apostle bore witness to this same truth when he said: I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared to the future glory that is to be revealed in us. In another place he says: You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This marvel of the transfiguration contains another lesson for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge. Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets, appeared with the Lord in conversation with him. This was in order to fulfil exactly, through the presence of these five men, the text which says: Before two or three witnesses every word is ratified. What word could be more firmly established, more securely based, than the word which is proclaimed by the trumpets of both old and new testaments, sounding in harmony, and by the utterances of ancient prophecy and the teaching of the Gospel, in full agreement with each other?

The writings of the two testaments support each other. The radiance of the transfiguration reveals clearly and unmistakably the one who had been promised by signs foretelling him under the veils of mystery. As Saint John says: The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. In him the promise made through the shadows of prophecy stands revealed, along with the full meaning of the precepts of the law. He is the one who teaches the truth of the prophecy through his presence, and makes obedience to the commandments possible through grace.

In the preaching of the holy Gospel all should receive a strengthening of their faith. No one should be ashamed of the cross of Christ, through which the world has been redeemed.

No one should fear to suffer for the sake of justice; no one should lose confidence in the reward that has been promised. The way to rest is through toil, the way to life is through death. Christ has taken on himself the whole weakness of our lowly human nature. If then we are steadfast in our faith in him and in our love for him, we win the victory that he has won, we receive what he has promised. When it comes to obeying the commandments or enduring adversity, the words uttered by the Father should always echo in our ears: This is my Son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

A Lent to Remember is a four-week, video-based study that uses original productions to present the power of God's love and mercy. This parish-wide study is broken down into four weeks, each with its own video presentation, plus an optional episode for children.

The topics are:

- Week One: Where Are You?
- Week Two: An Encounter with Mercy
- Week Three: Embraced in Mercy
- Week Four: The Paschal Mystery
- Bonus: How to Make a Good Confession (for children)

Everyone in the parish has access to the Formed.org website at no cost to themselves. Simply follow these steps:

1. Go to Formed.org
2. Register using the parish code: **9466ca**
3. Go to "Study," then *A Lent to Remember*

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What's the lesson here? It's this: If you sup with the devil (so the proverb warns), you'd better bring a long spoon. It's probably a bad idea in the first place.

But there's more. As it is in diplomacy and politics, so it is in every person's individual life. The deals we make with the world, and the flesh, and the devil, always go south. The line dividing good and evil is usually – not always, but usually – pretty bright for anyone who wants to see it. Most of us really *don't* want to see it, of course, because doing so would cramp our own daily behavior. We negotiate little "concordats" with our favorite personal sins, ugly habits and dictatorial appetites all the time.

If we're constantly angry, it's because everybody else is so unfair. If we're hooked on porn, surely cutting back to just an hour of it every day is "better" than three. If alcohol's the problem, four drinks is obviously "better" than six – right?

For every forbidden, hurtful, dishonest thing we like to do, we're experts at self-deceit; at training our consciences to perform like pets . . . well-manicured poodles that offer us alibis on demand, like:

"I didn't have a choice;" or
"Hey, there were extenuating circumstances;" or
"The Church is out of touch;" or
"There's a new paradigm for thinking about this particular unpleasantness;" or
"I know it's not ideal, but this is the best I could do;" or
"There's been a revolution in Church thinking on all sorts of complex issues – like mine;" or
"OK this is wrong, but it's not THAT bad."

We all have a barrel of excellent excuses. You do. I do. And we add to them all the time.

February 14 this year is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. It's the day on which a loving God invites all of us to smash our miserable little concordats with sin and its alibis to bits.

The teaching of the Church – rooted in the Word of God, confirmed by experience, consistent in its expression, sometimes difficult but always liberating – is the standard of holiness and the guide to our Father's expectations. We need to cling to it, confident in God's mercy, in judging our own actions and redirecting our lives, no matter how radically that new path demands.

So may God grant all of us a holy and fruitful Lent, and I ask you to pray for me, as I will pray for you.

www.archphilia.org

How to go to Confession

In order to make a good confession, we examine our conscience, asking God's help to know our sins and to be truly sorry for them.

Rite of Reconciliation

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: **Amen.**
Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.
It has been (say how long) **since my last confession.**
My sins are (confess your sins).

When you are done, the priest will give you spiritual advice and assign a penance. He will then ask you to pray an Act of Contrition, for example:

Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

- or-

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they have offended Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve wit the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

The Priest then says the Prayer of Absolution while the penitent listens. At the conclusion of the prayer, make the sign of the Cross and say, "Amen."

Priest: Go in peace.
Penitent: **Thanks be to God.**

Complete your penance as soon as possible. If you were given prayers to say, try to pray them in church before departing.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton International Spring Festival 2018 Sponsorship Form

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Dear SEAS Families,

The 2018 International Spring Festival will be Saturday, May 5th and Sunday May 6th on the Parish grounds. We plan to provide transportation to and from parking lots on both days this year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve another year as your Chair for this wonderful community event. We are looking forward to another fun filled Festival weekend. A very special thank you to all of our 2017 donors, volunteers, and attendees. Last year's festival was a great success and we sincerely hope the 2018 festival will be even better. Our community is so very special in so many ways. I am always amazed at the continuous outpouring of generosity by our parish families and the community, whether in the form of time, talent or treasure. My family and I are humbled and blessed to be a part of this parish community.

Please check the weekly bulletin and/or visit the Festival Webpage for more information at: www.seascatholicfestival.org (link is available through the parish website) for updates. Below I have listed the Festival meeting dates which have been scheduled.

- Thursday, February 22, 2018 6:30 pm CLC
- Wednesday, March 21, 2018 6:30 pm CLC
- Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6:30 pm CLC
- Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 pm CLC

The Kick-Off Festival meeting is February 22, 2018. All food and game booth chairs as well as any volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Your Sister in Christ,

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, February 26
6:30 a.m. ✠ Frank Jr. & Josephine Coselli
9:00 a.m. ✠ Frederick & Mary Schnider
7:00 p.m. ✠ Liborio Gomez Andrade

Tuesday, February 27
6:30 a.m. Marisol Leal
9:00 a.m. Sammy Fuentes
7:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, February 28
6:30 a.m. ✠ Leonardo Carbone
9:00 a.m. ✠ Hebert Wilford Camejo
7:00 p.m. ✠ Victor Olivares
7:30 p.m. Mov. Fam. Crisit. Catolico

Thursday, March 1
6:30 a.m. ✠ Gary J. Baroski
9:00 a.m. ✠ Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. ✠ Rose Hoadley

Friday, March 2
6:30 a.m. ✠ Antonio Estifano
9:00 a.m. ✠ Francisco Ferrer
7:00 p.m. Sefe Romero

Saturday, March 3
9:00 a.m. ✠ Consuelo Rimorin
5:00 p.m. Angie Gomez
6:30 p.m. Maria Dolores Gomez
8:00 p.m. ✠ Joseph Tki

Sunday, March 4
7:00 a.m. ✠ Richard Buehler
8:30 a.m. ✠ Norbert Henning
10:30 a.m. *Pro Populo*
12:15 p.m. ✠ Paulina Reley Marcella
2:00 p.m. ✠ Joaquin Moreno
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Abstinence

The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatin which do not have any meat taste.

On the Fridays **outside of Lent** the U.S. bishops conference obtained the permission of the Holy See for Catholics in the US to substitute a penitential, or even a charitable, practice of their own choosing. They must do some penitential/ charitable practice on these Fridays. For most people the easiest practice to consistently fulfill will be the traditional one, to abstain from meat on all Fridays of the year. **During Lent** abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory in the United States as elsewhere.

Fasting

The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th to the 59th birthday to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast is broken by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food (milk shakes, but not milk). Alcoholic beverages do not break the fast; however, they seem to be contrary to the spirit of doing penance.

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence

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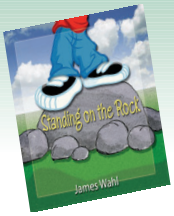

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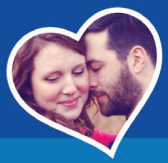
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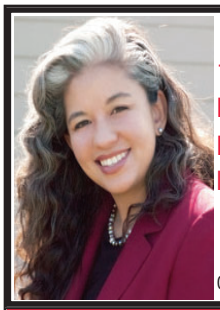

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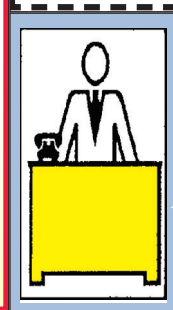

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