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# BULLETIN

## Santo Niño de Cebu Catholic Church

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### Our Mission:

The Santo Niño Catholic Church is a faith community where all are welcome to celebrate Catholic beliefs embellished by the best Philippine traditions. It is a dynamic parish responding to the spiritual needs of the community to fulfill its evangelical mission and to realize Christ's call of making disciples of all nations. (Parish Pastoral Council, 21 April 2001)

### Prayer Corner

Pray:

Lord, give me courage and confidence to follow You and let You work in me despite the challenges and persecutions of those who do not yet know You. Amen.

### Today's Gospel: JN 9:1-41

### The Man Born Blind

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.



His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?"

He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews

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### Reflections

#### HOW CONVERSION HAPPENS

Conversion to Christ is a process. The blind man in the Gospel reading exemplifies this journey into faith. Notice that at first he did not go to Jesus. Jesus came to him. The man responded by waiting to see what would happen and then by obeying Jesus.

Conversion begins when Jesus seeks us out and we make ourselves available to his touch. He then opens our eyes to the truth, but we don't immediately understand.

When the man's neighbors asked about his cure, he did not yet understand who Jesus was; he thought of him as just a man.

Then, the pressure of listening to the Pharisees argue about who Jesus was caused him to give it more thought. He concluded that Jesus must be a prophet, which for the Jews was a highly esteemed, holy vocation.

Next, as the Pharisees treated him more roughly and raised the possibility of expelling him from the synagogue if he claimed that

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Jesus was the Christ, he began to wonder whether it might be true. Their reasons for hating Jesus became the eye-openers that cured his spiritual blindness.

Finally, Jesus sought him out again, this time to minister to him in response to the mistreatment he had suffered from the Pharisees. In this act of caring, the man could see who Jesus really was.

Conversion -- the purification of our spiritual vision -- takes place in the fire of our sufferings as we recognize the love and concern that God has for us.

#### **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Name the areas of your life where there is confusion from a lack of understanding. Perhaps you're having a hard time seeing the good in someone. Maybe you're worried about the future. What will you do this week that will help you see it from God's perspective?

#### **Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

1. In the first reading, God makes it clear that he sees what we cannot see when we're focused on external evidence. Think of a time when you looked deeper or beyond the obvious. How did that change you?

2. In Ephesians 5, we read that we have become light in the Lord. Name some of the good fruits that come from the ability to see what Jesus is doing in your life.

3. The Gospel reading illustrates that those who think they can see the truth are very often blind, and those who acknowledge their blindness become able to see clearly. Why does this happen? How has it happened to you?

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **FESTIVAL MARIA DE GUADALUPE**

To support the health and safety of our parishioners and communities, the Santo Nino Church is suspending the Festival Maria de Guadalupe due to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Texas. The event will be rescheduled until further notice.

### **SUNDAY MASS IS SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The church is open for prayer only:

Monday – Friday : 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Sunday : 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

#### **Office Hours**

For our protection and preventive measures from the ongoing COVID-19, our office hours will be

**Tuesday – Friday 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm only.**

However, we are no longer accommodating walk-in business or inquiry for the meantime. We will communicate with you through phone @ (210) 648-1705 or by email @ [santo.nino.sa@gmail.com](mailto:santo.nino.sa@gmail.com).

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had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again?"

Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him,

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## Mass Intention

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat. — 6:00 pm —** 1. Souls of †Maria Castillo, Frances Paiz, Johnny Hinojosa, Rosario Huemer; 2. Health of Alicia Anaya and Gabriela Estrada.

**Sun. — 8:00 am —** 1. Recovery of Nena Connor, Deacon Jun Reyes, Clarke Lewis, Helen Daley, Carmen Steele; 2. Intentions of Robert/Nel Mendez; 3. Souls of † John Saunders, Lita Pepper, Manuel Tamayo, Jent Oliamot, and Dorothy Lim.

**Sun. — 10:00am —** 1. Souls of † Dina/Zenaida Sorio, 2. Intentions of the Two Thousand Hail Mary’s devotion; 3. Recovery of Noel Casino, Clarke Lewis, and Nena Conon, . 4. † Souls of Tony Brewer, Baet Family, and Dr. Jose Gabatin.

**Sun. — 12 noon —** . 1.Souls of † Dr. Tony dela Cruz, Manuel Tamayo, John Saunders and Bobi Jean Gordon; 2. Health and recovery of Ted/ Carmen Jaceldo and Deacon Jun Reyes.

**Sun. — 2:00 pm —** . 1.Souls of † Lupita Perez, Delia Olney, Santos Adames and all the souls of our faithful departed. 2. Health of Alicia Anaya and Gabriella Estrada; 3. Thanksgiving to St Anthony for favors received from Nelly Figarola.

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“You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.”

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not also blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.

## STEWARDSHIP (Collection) REPORT AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance and Offertory March 14—March 15, 2020

There was no collection last March 14 and 15, 2020, due to suspended masses from COVID-19.

Please consider the Santo Nino’s website online donation as an alternative way of giving your weekly contribution to our church.

“Thank you for your goodwill and generosity.”



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### *Archbishop Gustavo updates decree regarding changes impacting Catholic parishes in the archdiocese in response to COVID-19*

ISSUED: MARCH 20, 2020

My dear people, as I have already mentioned, the situation regarding COVID-19 is changing rapidly, in fact, almost by the hour!

Following a decision made March 19 by the governor and confirmed by the City of San Antonio, crowd size now has a limit of 10 people. Therefore, all parishes are asked to follow this guideline for daily Masses. If parishes are unable to limit the size of the congregation to that number, they are asked to cancel the public liturgy and celebrate the Mass without a congregation. I have requested to our pastors that, to the extent possible, they try to make the Mass available to parishioners via social media.

This size limit will greatly affect the celebrations of a Mass of Christian Burial and weddings. Pastors have been asked to meet with families or couples impacted by this new restriction, and help them understand the need to follow these guidelines in the interest of public health. For funerals, an option to consider would be to have a committal service in place of the Mass, and when the crisis situation is over, a Memorial Mass could be celebrated. Wedding couples may already be faced with a cancellation by their reception venue.

Baptisms may still occur, respecting the number of participants allowed by this latest decision. The Easter Triduum should be celebrated in every parish. The congregation should be limited to the approved amount of 10. Again, as far as possible, the Triduum services should be live streamed on social media for the benefit of the faithful.

I will keep issuing these updates as needed, recognizing that this information can change rapidly. Please know that these difficult decisions are motivated by concern for our parish communities and recognizing the importance of social distancing in containing the spread of COVID-19.

**Just today, March 20, we were informed that an employee at St. Luke Church in San Antonio has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Father Eric Ritter and the staff there have been very proactive in addressing this situation, and he is in communication with his parish community regarding this situation.**

I, as your shepherd during this most difficult time, again ask you to think of what you can do for others. Pray also for the civic leaders, health professionals, volunteers, and all who are offering their valuable work for others at this time. The Lord is with us during these difficult moments.

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**OUR SERVANTS**

**ADMINISTRATION**

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Deacon - Arsenio Reyes

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Nena Connor, Alice Maldonado  
Business Coordinator – Anna Rose Nolasco

Safe Environment - Monette Reyes  
Photographer – Henry Mendez  
Webmaster – Ed Candelaria  
Property Manager – Robert Mendez

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(2019–2020)

Mel Garcia, - Secretary

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Nelrose Mendez, and

Nena Connor

**MINISTRIES**

**WORSHIP**

Acolytes: Randal Garcia

Dévotion: Dr. Connie Nepomuceno

Lectors: Socorro Candelaria

Spanish Choir: Juan Anaya

Adult Choir: Helen Ona

Youth Choir: Noel Casino

Wedding/Quinceanera

Coordinator:

Alicia Anaya & Annie Spencer

**EVANGELIZATION**

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Connie

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Youth Ministry: Russell &

Bernadette Cantu

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Knights of Columbus : Grand

Knight

Sean Flatley

**Our Devotions**

Adoration, Rosary &  
Novena: 5:00-6:00 PM M-F

Holy Spirit: Mondays

Divine Mercy/Holy Hour for  
Vocation: Tuesday

Perpetual Help Novena:  
Wednesdays

St. Jude Novena:  
Thursdays

Santo Niño Novena: Fridays

Sacred Heart: 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays

First Saturday of the  
month:

2000 Hail Mary Devotion,  
from 9:00 AM

Divine Mercy Devotion:  
Sunday 3:00 – 4:00 PM

**Parish Office/  
Business Hours:**

Tuesday thru Friday:  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
12 noon – 1:00 PM: Lunch  
Break

**Schedule of Masses  
and other Services**

**Sundays:** 8:00 and 10:00  
AM, and 12 noon Bilingual  
Mass (English & hymns in  
Filipino)

**Saturdays:**  
6:00 PM (Spanish Mass)  
**Daily Holy Eucharist:**  
M-F 6:00 PM

**Confession:**

Mon-Sat 5:00 – 6:00 PM  
**Baptism:** By appointment  
& Seminars is necessary

**Confirmation:**

11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**Marriage:** Please meet  
with the Pastor one year in  
advance.

**Counseling:** By  
Appointment

**Funeral:** Please contact the  
Parish office before making  
arrangements outside

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

1. We are participating in the Rice Bowl Program of the Catholic Relief Services, which sends help and services to all the people in need around the world.
2. We are also participating in the 40 CANS FOR LENT food drive. There are two bins in the foyer. Please put only non-perishable food items in the bins. Please be generous.
3. All church activities are suspended temporarily due to COVID outbreak.
4. Copies of your weekly bulletin can be downloaded on the internet at [www.stonino.org/bulletins](http://www.stonino.org/bulletins).



**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

Dear Lord, we thank you for being the Creator and Giver of all good gifts and ask you one to help us become good stewards of your gifts by teaching us how to return them to you with increase . Amen.

**Online Giving**



We would like to express our thanks to those who give online. We would love to see the number increase with this program, please consider our online donation.

If you want to give your tithes and donation online go to our parish website at [www.stonino.org](http://www.stonino.org) and click **online giving logo**.

All credit cards are accepted in our online donation.

