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Welcome to ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH

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Mass

Until further notice, all regular public liturgical celebrations and gatherings have been suspended.

Daily and Sunday Mass. **You will not be committing a sin by your absence from Sunday Masses during this time.**

Hasta nuevo aviso, se suspende todas las celebraciones regulares y reuniones litúrgicas públicas. Misa diaria y dominicales. Los católicos están exentos de su obligación moral de asistir a la Misa Dominical. ***Usted no estará cometiendo pecado faltando a la Misa Dominical durante este periodo.***

Reconciliation (Confesiones)

Saturday: 4:15 – 5:30 PM & by appt.



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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline is the **Tuesday, before publication date.**
Send to: sec@sjnlaredo.org

Weddings

Arrangements need to be made with the pastor 6 months in advance.



Please wear a protective mask or bandana when coming to confession or to the parish office.

Se les pide de favor cuándo vengan a confesión o a la oficina, usen una mascarilla protectora o bandana para protección de todos. Gracias

Parish Mission Statement

We, the community of St. John Neumann, desire to guide all souls toward God. This we accomplish by evangelizing through our ministries. Our liturgical celebrations center around the Eucharist.

Our Vision

We seek to become a spiritual home where God's love for us and our love for Him abounds freely and within an atmosphere of brotherhood and good will.

Nuestra Misión Parroquial

Nosotros, la comunidad de St. John Neumann, deseamos guiar a todas las almas a Dios. Logramos esto evangelizando a través de nuestros ministerios. Nuestras celebraciones litúrgicas están centradas en La Eucaristía.

Nuestra Visión

Deseamos convertirnos en un hogar espiritual donde el amor de Dios por nosotros y nuestro amor por El abunde libremente dentro de un ambiente de buena voluntad y de hermandad.

Welcome to our parish!

Parish Ministries

Note:

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◆ PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH & NEEDS OF:

Feliciana Abrego	Juan Castillo	Yolanda	Irma Reyna
Herlinda Castro	Lily Esquivel	Martinez	Yolanda Rios
Rebecca Benavides	Pedro Garza, Jr.	Radames Mendiola	Julio Rivera
Ernesto F. Barreda	Jonathan Gonzalez	Gloria Montemayor	Debbie Solis
Josie Agridano	Agustin Maldonado	Osvaldo Montiel	Jesse Sanchez, Jr.
Josie Carrillo		Ruby Moreno	Daniel Sotelo
Cesar Casso	Linda Maldonado	Imelda Perez	Alberto Taboada
Sanjuana Corpus		Jose O. Ramirez	
Alberto Cortez	Oscar Maldonado	Marcelo Ramirez	Vitor Teniente
Alberto I Cortez	Zenaida Martinez	Sylvia Ramirez	
Juanita Cortez		The Rendon	
Lily Espinoza		Family	

For those of you that have placed a Mass Intention, Father Pedroza has been and will continue to pray for the intentions that have been placed. *Para todos los que pidieron una Misa para un ser querido o una intención especial, se les informa que el Padre Pedroza a estado y seguirá rezando y ofreciendo su intención.*

Will you not stay with me one hour?

BE ONE WITH JESUS IN
Eucharistic Adoration



◆ EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We invite everyone to join us every Thurs.
from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Let us make time to spend a moment in prayer in the presence of the Lord. **POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

◆ ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Te invitamos todos los jueves
de las 7 a las 8 de la noche.

Hagamos tiempo para pasar un momento de oración ante el Santísimo Sacramento.

"(Lent) is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way, we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism."

Pope Benedict XVI

The Sanctuary Candle will be burning
for †Patricia San Martín



◆ FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Diocesan Conference has been postponed

The Diocesan Catholic Conference scheduled for March 28 **has been postponed to a later date.** We don't know the date as of yet.

First Communion and Confirmation classes are cancelled

All classes are cancelled. We will let you know when classes will resume.

Confirmation Retreat for 2nd year students

The second year Confirmation students retreat on Saturday, April 25th, **has been postponed until further notice.**

Youth Group Stations of the Cross

First and second year Confirmation students practice for the Stations of The Cross on Sunday, March 29 and Sunday, April 5th, **has been postponed until further notice.**

Baptisms for students in Faith Formation

The second meeting for parents and godparents on Thursday, April 2, 2020 **has been postponed until further notice.**

God bless you, Julie Rodriguez, M.A.P.S.; M.A. Ed.

NOTICIAS DE FORMACIÓN EN LA FÉ**Se postpone la Conferencia Diocesana hasta nueva orden**

La Conferencia Diocesana programada para el 28 de marzo **se ha cancelado.** Les daremos la nueva fecha en cuando lo sepamos.

Se cancelan clases de Primera Communion y de Confirmacion

Todas las clases se suspenden hasta nuevo aviso.

Retiro de Confirmación para alumnos del segundo año

Los alumnos del 2.º año de Confirmación: retiro del sábado, 25 de abril, **se ha pospuesto hasta nuevo aviso.**

Bautismos para alumnos de Formación en la Fé

La segunda reunión para padres y padrinos que van a bautizar, del jueves, 2 de abril, **se ha pospuesto hasta nuevo aviso.**

Grupo Juvenil el Via Crucis

El primer y segundo año de Confirmación: la practica del Vía Crucis del domingo, 29 de marzo y del domingo, 5 de abril, **se ha cancelado.**

Dios lo bendiga, Julie Rodriguez, M.A.P.S.; M.A.Ed.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 04, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Juan Manuel Rodriguez

Sunday, April 05, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† **Gustavo Angel Ceja**

12:00 p.m.

People of God

6:00 p.m.

**Por todos ustedes que tienen un
intención especial**

Monday, April 06, 2020 - No Mass

Tuesday, April 07, 2020

12:15 p.m.

† **Maria Luisa Zapata**

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

12:15 p.m.

For The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 9, 2020

12:15 p.m.

**Por Todos Aquellos Que Necesitan
Salud y Sanación**

Friday, April 10, 2020

Good Friday—No Mass Today

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all
things, and I desire to
receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You
were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.

*O my God, my only hope, I have placed all my trust in You,
and I know I shall not be disappointed. (Diary, 317)*



Today's Gospel Reflection - Matthew 26:14-27:66

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter.

Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: "... for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

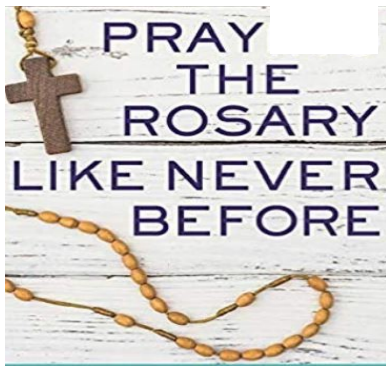
While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

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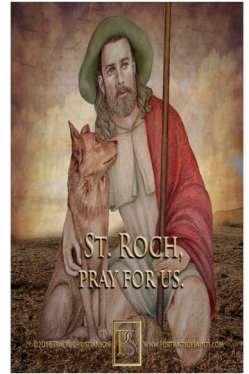
A prayer for intercession to St. Roch

O Blessed Saint Roch,
Patron of the sick,
Have pity on those
Who lie upon a bed of suffering.
Your power was so great
When you were in this world,
That by the sign of the Cross,
Many were healed of their diseases.

Now that you are in heaven,
Your power is not less.
Offer, then, to God
Our sighs and tears
And obtain for us that health we seek
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Repeat the following 3 times)

Saint Roch, pray for us,
That we may be preserved
From all diseases of body and soul.



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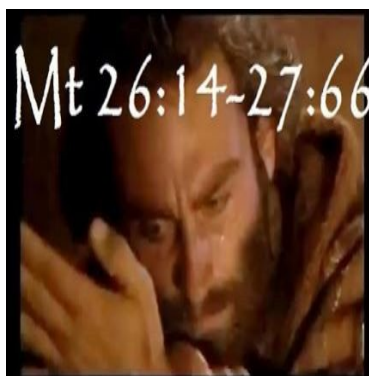
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A prayer for intercession to St. Rosalie

"Father in heaven, we thank You for the communion of
saints so that we can draw near to You through the
prayers of St. Rosalie. Through her prayers, help us to
remember that our destiny is heaven.

As St. Rosalie gave up all things in this world for the
sake of Your Kingdom, through her prayers, may we
love more fully Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who to-
gether with You and the Holy Spirit are one God forever
and ever. Amen.

O God, our Father, mercifully look upon Your people
who come to You and grant through the intercession of
St. Rosalie, who turned away from earthly delights to
the joys of contemplation, that we may be delivered
from all harm here on earth and one day be welcomed
into the Kingdom of Heaven.

St. Rosalie, confessor and virgin, we pray to God for our
families and friends. Through your powerful prayers,
may we obtain health, life, and eternal salvation.

I also pray today for this special need and intention
(make your intention known). O glorious virgin and con-
fessor, St. Rosalie, I promise henceforth to remember
and follow your example of faith and love. Pray for me
and mine.

Amen."

LAST WEEK'S ONLINE OFFERING \$960.00

*Thank you for your prayers and contributions re-
ceived in the mail, online and dropped off at the
parish office during these troubled times. I will be
keeping all of you in my prayers.*

God Bless You, Rev. Salvador Pedroza

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