



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements for celebrating baptism must be made with the clergy. Please call the Parish office to schedule an appointment to discuss arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

As you plan your marriage, we welcome you as Christ welcomes you, with understanding, love, and acceptance, to challenge you with the gospel message, and give you hope that a lifelong commitment is possible. Please call the parish office to set up wedding arrangements.



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Office Hours | Horario de la Oficina: Monday-Friday | Lunes-Viernes 8:00 am-5:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE MISAS

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri./Lun., Mier., Juev., Vier. 8:00 am

Saturday Vigil/Sábado Vigilia 4:00 pm

Sunday/Domingo 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (Español)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DEVOTION

First Friday of the month 8:30 am-9:00 pm

All other Fridays of the month 8:30 am-5:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONES

Saturday/Sábado 2:30 pm-3:30 pm

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Then let us
celebrate
with a feast,
because this
son of mine
was dead,
and has come
to life again,
he was lost,
and has
been found.

Luke 15:23, 24

Mission Statement

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ
to love and serve God and neighbor.

March 27, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Mon/Lun Mar 28 8:00 AM MASS <i>Monday of the 4th Week of Lent</i>	Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54 Johnny & Winne Toogood - Bday
Tues/Mar Mar 29 NO MASS <i>Tuesday of the 4th Week of Lent</i>	Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16
Wed/Mie Mar 30 8:00 AM MASS <i>Wednesday of the 4th Week of Lent</i>	Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30 †Bobby McWilliams The Bone Family
Thu/Jue Mar 31 8:00 AM MASS <i>Thursday of the 4th Week of Lent</i>	Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47 †Jazmine Asyn
Fri/Vie Apr 1 8:00 AM MASS <i>Friday of the 4th Week of Lent</i> ADORATION 8:30AM – 5:00PM	Wis 2:1a,12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 Mike & Mary Angela Donohue - Illness
April 2 & 3, 2022 Fifth Sunday of Lent Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11	
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM	Jim McDonald – Birthday
Sunday 8:00 AM	Jim McDonald - Birthday Kate McDonald – Birthday
Sunday 10:00 AM	†Mary Wachsman †Marion Skaggs †Michael Miller †Juan Bulnes
Domingo 12:00 PM	†Mario Valdez †Eduardo Valdez

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		Online	
Mass	Collection	Giving	
All Masses	\$9,968	\$5,195	
Maintenance	\$304	\$185	
Black & Indian Miss	\$1		
Ash Wednesday	\$1		
Easter Flowers	\$502	\$16	
Catholic Relief Srvs	\$12	\$75	
TOTAL	\$10,788	\$5,471	
			Church
Streaming Views	Web	Facebook	Attendance
Sat., 4 PM	48	77	217
Sun., 8 AM			176
Sun., 10:00 AM	89	60	428
Sun., 12:00 PM	22	50	420
TOTAL	159	187	1,241
Give and Grow Fund	\$2,056		

Prayers for the Sick

Hear us for your sick servants O Lord, for whom we pray for good health:

Mona Castillo, Mary Helen Hernandez, Ann Caron, Gabriel Reyes, and Martha Castillo



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Lenten Friday

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Sanctuary Light

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Formed Pick of the Week

We are near the end of Lent. As we begin to transition into Holy Week, this week learn about the Easter Triduum and embark on this spiritual journey.

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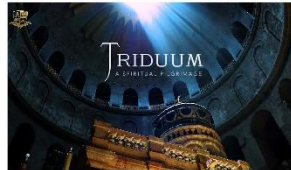
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 27, 2022

WATCH

TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.



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Come Together Gala

Everyone is invited to the St Thomas the Apostle Come Together Gala on May 7, 2022. Tickets can be purchased at the end of Mass in the Narthex.

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

COME TOGETHER GALA

BENEFITING THE GIVE & GROW IN CHRIST FUND

MAY 7, 2022 5:30 PM-11:00 PM
THE NATIONAL HALL TICKET: \$35.00

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CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED AT NO COST IN THE PARISH EDUCATION BUILDING.
DROP OFF 5:00PM | PICK UP UNTIL 11:30PM
FOR GALA GUESTS ONLY.

Welcome New Members

Let us give a warm and Christ like welcome to our newest parish family members.

Celio Rueda & Ignacia Salas and Family
Abimael & Noemi Saldana
Guadalupe Medrano and Family
Ramon Nino III & Wendy Martinez and Family
William & Heather Bill and Family
Michael & Michelle Pitogo and Family
Esther Calva
Miguel & Diana Zuniga and Family
Armando & Yanet Trejo and Family
Raymundo & Sylvia Reyna and Family

Stewardship Reflection

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well? The season of Lent is a time to reflect carefully on the way we spend our time. Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

Jesús ofrece la parábola de la higuera para ilustrar mejor esta verdad. El dueño de la huerta vino a buscar fruta en una higuera que había plantado en su huerta. Al no encontrar frutos en el árbol después de tres años, le dijo al jardinero que lo cortara. Pero el jardinero intercede y pide un año más para cultivar y fertilizar el árbol con la esperanza de que dé frutos en el futuro. La higuera no se estaba muriendo; simplemente no estaba haciendo mucho de nada en absoluto. ¿Se puede decir esto también de nosotros y de nuestras vidas? La temporada de Cuaresma es un tiempo para reflexionar cuidadosamente sobre la forma en que usamos nuestro tiempo. ¿Damos la primera prioridad a Dios, cuidando con diligencia nuestro crecimiento espiritual y la vida sacramental? ¿Le damos la siguiente prioridad a nuestros seres queridos, enfocándonos intencionalmente en ellos todos los días sin distracciones de teléfonos, pantallas o pensamientos de trabajo? Si no, ahora es el momento de arrepentirnos de nuestra pérdida de tiempo o de las prioridades equivocadas en nuestro uso del tiempo. Dios es misericordioso pero justo. Dirijámonos a Él y pidámosle que haga fructífera nuestra vida mientras aún tengamos tiempo para hacerlo.

Thank You

A huge thank you to all who have supported, volunteered or donated for the Saturday evening building fund meals. The spaghetti dinner in February raised \$1100, and the enchilada dinner in March raised \$900. We are so blessed to be able to have this social time together and to help a little, with the debt. The next meal is scheduled for April 23. Mark your calendars - hope to see you!
Many blessings to you all

St Thomas the Apostle Retreat

St Thomas the Apostle will host a Lent Retreat with retreat Master Fr. Ron Gonzales. He is a Jesuit Priest from Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House. His talk will be: "Come Lord Jesus: Conversion of Heart using Ignatian Spirituality." "As we evolve spiritually through the joys and sorrows, doubts and fears of our lives, Jesus invites each of us to entrust him with everything so as to be free and available for whatever may come." The retreat is April 8th at 7 pm to 9:00 pm.

Santo Tomás el Apóstol tendrá un Retiro de Cuaresma con el Maestro de retiros Fr. Ron González. Es un sacerdote jesuita de la Casa de Retiros Jesuitas de Montserrat. Su charla será: "Ven Señor Jesús: Conversión del Corazón desde la Espiritualidad Ignaciana". A medida que evolucionamos espiritualmente a través de las alegrías y las tristezas, las dudas y los miedos de nuestra vida, Jesús nos invita a cada uno de nosotros a confiarle todo para ser libres, y disponible para lo que venga." El retiro es el 8 de abril de 7 pm a 9:00 pm.

LENT RETREAT

COME LORD JESUS:
CONVERSION OF
HEART USING
IGNATIAN
SPIRITUALITY.

Merciful Mama

The Merciful Mama is a one-day retreat for Catholic moms and caretakers hosted by the Women's Organization of St. Thomas the Apostle on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Featuring guest speaker Lauren Nelson of Gathering Manna. Babysitting will be available. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at www.sttafw.org. There is still time to get your ticket for this event.



Holy Week <u>SCHEDULE</u>	
APRIL 14	HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 PM BILINGUAL MASS
APRIL 15	GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 3:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:30 PM THE PASSION OF THE LORD
APRIL 16	HOLY SATURDAY 8:30 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS
APRIL 17	EASTER SUNDAY- THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 10:00 AM ENGLISH MASS 12:00 PM SPANISH MASS

 Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Parish of the Diocese of Fort Worth

Two Special 2nd Collections

Next week's 2nd collection Will be for the Give and Grow in Christ Fund. A special 2nd collection will also take place for the communities affected by the wildfires in Eastland County next weekend, April 2/3. St. Rita in Ranger is currently offering temporary shelter to assist those in need. We ask the faithful to be generous in giving to Eastland Wildfire Disaster Relief and to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Eastland County. Parishioners can give online now at <https://fwdioc.org/eastland-wildfire-disaster-relief>.

La segunda colecta de la próxima semana será para el Fondo Dar y Crecer en Cristo. También se llevará a cabo una segunda colecta especial para las comunidades afectadas por los incendios forestales en el condado de Eastland el próximo fin de semana, 2/3 de abril. St. Rita en Ranger actualmente ofrece refugio temporal para ayudar a los necesitados. Pedimos a los fieles que sean generosos al dar a Eastland Wildfire Disaster Relief y que oren por nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo en el condado de Eastland. Los feligreses pueden donar en línea ahora en <https://fwdioc.org/eastland-wildfire-disaster-relief>.

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The parable of the prodigal son or story refuted the Pharisees' objection to Christ's friendliness with sinners very effectively. The infinite mercy of God, the Father of saint and sinner, is brought out very clearly in the story of the younger son. Even though he abandoned his father, the father did not abandon him. The father's mercy was big enough and generous enough to forgive and forget. His love for his son was strong enough to smother any feelings of personal resentment. His son's return, humble and chastened, blotted out all his past faults and failures. It was surely an occasion for general rejoicing. For the vast majority of us, Christians, our message of consolation and hope is in the first part of today's parable. All of us have, many a time, been prodigal, ungrateful, selfish sons and daughters of our loving Father. But he is still a Father of infinite love, of boundless mercy. He is not only waiting for us to return, like the human father in the story. He is continually sending out messengers to recall us and to help us on the return journey. Like the prodigal in the story, we may have squandered the gifts that our heavenly father gave us. We may have abused our freedom and broken his laws. We may have descended to the deepest depths of degradation (to a Jew to become a swine-herd was the last step in human debasement). We may now feel torn and tattered but, never forget it. Our loving, merciful Father is waiting for us with open arms to welcome us back the moment we come to ourselves and decide to return.

La parábola o historia del hijo pródigo refutó muy eficazmente la objeción de los fariseos a la amistad de Cristo con los pecadores. La infinita misericordia de Dios, Padre del santo y del pecador, se manifiesta muy claramente en la historia del hijo menor. Aunque abandonó a su padre, el padre no lo abandonó. La misericordia del padre fue lo suficientemente grande y generosa para perdonar y olvidar. Su amor por su hijo era lo suficientemente fuerte como para sofocar cualquier sentimiento de resentimiento personal. El regreso de su hijo, humilde y disciplinado, borró todas sus faltas y fracasos pasados. Seguramente fue una ocasión para el regocijo general. Para la gran mayoría de nosotros, los cristianos, nuestro mensaje de consuelo y esperanza está en la primera parte de la parábola de hoy. Todos nosotros hemos sido, muchas veces, hijos e hijas pródigos, desagradecidos y egoístas de nuestro Padre amoroso. Pero sigue siendo un Padre de amor infinito, de misericordia sin límites. Él no solo está esperando que regresemos, como el padre humano en la historia. Está continuamente enviando mensajeros para llamarnos y ayudarnos en el viaje de regreso. Como el hijo pródigo de la historia, es posible que hayamos desperdiciado los dones que nos dio nuestro padre celestial. Puede que hayamos abusado de nuestra libertad y quebrantado sus leyes. Es posible que hayamos descendido a las profundidades más profundas de la degradación (para un judío, convertirse en un criador de cerdos era el último paso en la degradación humana). Ahora podemos sentirnos desgarrados y hechos jirones, pero nunca lo olviden, nuestro amoroso y misericordioso Padre nos está esperando con los brazos abiertos para darnos la bienvenida en el momento en que volvamos en nosotros mismos y decidamos regresar.



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