



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sacred Heart Church
3141 St. Stephens Drive, Anderson
Saturday Mass: 4:30PM (English)
Sunday Mass: 10:00AM (English)
12:00 (Spanish)
Weekday: Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8AM
Confessions: Saturday: 3PM

St. Anne Church
3415 Main Street
Cottonwood
Sunday Mass: 8:15AM



MARCH 24, 2018

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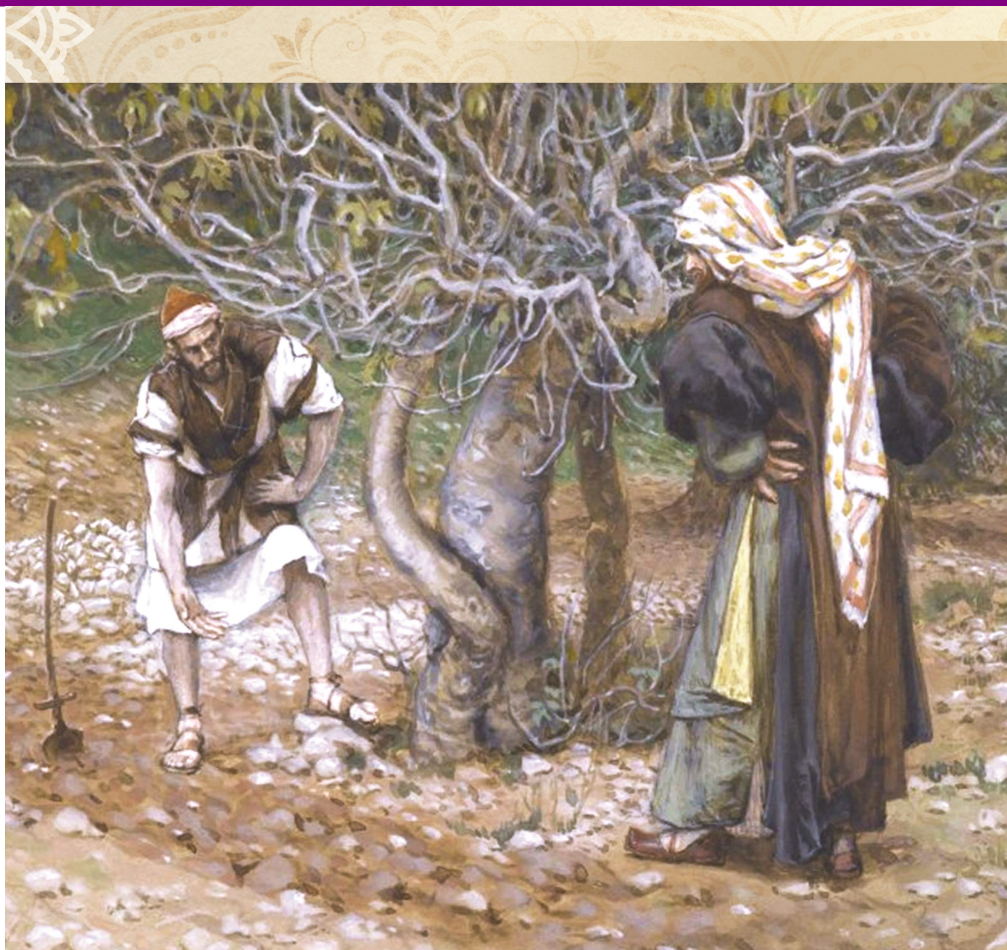
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Open Tuesday & Friday, 10am—2pm

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Knights of Columbus 244-2242
Jim Duval, Grand Knight



3rd Sunday OF LENT

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

Rev. Eric Flores, Parochial Administrator

Deacons: Rich Valles • Jesus Madrigal

Michael Evans (retired) • Anthony Short (retired)

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FROM THE PASTOR

It has been 2 weeks since I arrived back to the parish from my vacation. I now have had the time to sit at my desk and update you about the parish events that we had while I was away.

The Parish Crab Feed was a success through the hard work of our volunteers headed by Marilyn Camerlo. I have only heard good feedbacks from people about our event. One person said that “this is the best Crab Feed in town”. To our volunteers, all of you, thank you! We have generated a clean profit of \$7,756.32. These profits have been reserved for our Faith Formation programs here in our parish, especially for the children. You always hear me that we need to bring our children to our faith because they are the future of our Church. And this fundraiser will go a long way in achieving that goal.

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

Hospitality Usher/Greeter) who prepared the Lenten Soup Dinner the past two Fridays for us after the Stations of the Cross.

As we have started Lent, we have had a good turnout of attendance and participation at the Stations of the Cross. The bilingual approach this year is a success, for it brings us together as a community. The difference in language is not hindering us in praying together and making ourselves be open to each other. I want to thank the ARISE Team and Ministry and the Ministry of

These events are living testimony that if we pray and work together, we can accomplish anything for the greater glory of God. I am encouraging all of you to see where can you put your talent to serve our Church here in Anderson.

—Fr. Eric

TOGETHER
WE CAN

WEEKLY NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 23RD—31ST

Saturday	Mar. 23rd	4:30pm	
Sunday	Mar. 24th	8:15am	Sacred Heart Parishioners
Sunday	Mar. 24th	10:00am	
Sunday	Mar. 24th	Noon	
Tuesday	Mar. 26th	8:00am	Clare & Barney Uphus†
Wednesday	Mar. 27th	8:00am	Fernand & Lena Eveslage†
Thursday	Mar. 28th	8:00am	
Friday	Mar. 29th	8:00am	
Saturday	Mar. 30th	4:30pm	
Sunday	Mar. 31st	8:15am	Sacred Heart Parishioners
Sunday	Mar. 31st	10:00am	
Sunday	Mar. 31st	Noon	

PRAYER CONCERNS

Lisa Gutierrez, Kevin Rezak, Buddy Smith, Diana VanErt, Dave Jacobs, Martha Hitchcock, Vera Lara, Vince Lara, Marlene Lara, Bill Silva, Lisa West, Miranda Weise, Alverta Snider, Carolyn Greenwood, John Williams, Helen Presidio, Rina Ford, Clementine Mills, Jim Weirick, Ilene Duval, Tillie Duval, Dawn Drinkwater, Carol Andrews, Katie Lewis, Kevin Rezak, Angelo Costanzo, Mary Rowe, Ross Clark, Jay Burns.

YOUTH ON A MISSION

NORCAL CATHOLIC DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Calling all teens! Have you ever felt compelled, motivated, or called to take a journey that will impact others around you? Now is your chance to take the opportunity to make a difference at Youth on a Mission. On this 4-day training, **June 20-23, 2019 at Holy Names University in Oakland**, you will encounter Christ, learn practical skills for servant leadership, discover God's call to evangelize, and be challenged to take the next step in your discipleship. For more information and to nominate participants, please visit www.norcalcatholicityouth.com or contact Richard Cherveney at (530) 366-7954 or by email at rchervey@scd.org

*Parish Office Closed
Thursday,
February 28th
for
Bookkeeping
Session*



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Collection Summary

March 2/3:	\$6,484
Ash Wednesday:	\$1,685
March 9/10:	\$5,878
March 16/17:	\$4,174

For fiscal year 2018– 2019

Budgeted for Collections: **\$280,000**
Total for 37 weeks: \$211,153 weekly Goal: \$5,385
 Average Weekly Collection: **\$5,707**

Second Collection

Next week, our parish will take up ***The Catholic Relief Services Collection***. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

BEST LENT EVER

What Is BEST LENT EVER? It's a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will guide you on an incredible journey toward the-best-version-of-yourself. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you'll discover ways to transform your life in forty days. You'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your life, and personal stories from the Dynamic Catholic team. You'll learn simple yet powerful ways to transform your life in forty days—and you'll be well on your way to becoming the person God created you to be. Just go to <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever> to sign up.

ANNUAL SPRING GREAT SALE

The Sacred Heart Semi-Annual Spring Great Sale will be **Friday, April 5th & Saturday, April 6th**. Be sure to save the date for Sacred Heart Parish's largest fundraising event. Volunteers are needed for set-up, pick-up and facilitating the events of each day **beginning Monday, April 1st**. If you would like to make a donation you can do so on **Monday, April 1st, Tuesday, April 2nd or Wednesday, April 3rd**. We are always seeking that large item that will add to our proceeds, as well as gently used or new, clean and sellable items. If you have any questions, would like to volunteer or have items that need to be picked up, please call Maria Gonzales @ 530-710-5585. Most of all, we ask that you pray for all of our faithful volunteers that make this event possible.



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Sacred Heart CFF (Children's Faith Formation) families are participating in CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Rice Bowl Lenten faith-in-action program. This program offers opportunities for families to engage daily in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are invited to eat simple, meatless meals on Fridays from the countries we'll learn and pray about. Through the stories, we will also learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching—and ways we can put them into action.

The 1st week of Lent we encountered Norma, in Guatemala, where a long-standing drought has caused a daily challenge to put food on the tables of families living in the mountains of Guatemala. Norma found help in the CRS-sponsored program that teaches mothers to grow nutritious food in small gardens and manage healthy diets. The program also provided food and monthly check ups during her pregnancy. Norma can now support her family and share her skills with her community. You can find Norma's story @crsricebowl.org/stories.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD FEAST DAY, MARCH 25



“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him...might have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

At the Annunciation, God revealed this good news to Mary. She was the first to hear and to believe that God would do what he promised. Her faith told her that nothing is impossible for God. Mary also heard God's invitation calling her to be

the Virgin Mother of his Son. This call meant that Jesus would be formed in her womb, and she, as his mother, would nourish and care for him. This call meant that she had a special place in God's plan for salvation. Mary replied, “I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:38)

In saying yes, Mary agreed to God's plan because she wanted what God wanted. She was willing to accept all the joy and pain, all the unexpected events. She was willing to bring Christ to a waiting world. The Solemnity of the Annunciation is celebrated on March 25, which is nine months prior to the Feast of Our Lord's Holy Birth – Christmas.

A GOOD APPETITE

Fasting is not an isolated discipline, but one of a trinity of holy practices: Prayer. Fasting. Almsgiving. Each of these gives support and meaning to the others. Prayer befriends the soul. It re-fixes our sacred purpose and turns us toward the tasks at hand. Fasting befriends the body — which is to say that the body is good and worthy of whatever form our fasting must take. Almsgiving befriends our neighbor with whom we share what we might otherwise have hoarded.

To fast, accompanied by prayer and almsgiving, is to be healed. Fasting is good for the body, the “body politic,” and the “mystical body.” Fasting helps to make the body whole.

Fasting is necessary now if we are ever to enjoy feasting. A good appetite allows us to enjoy the earthly gifts that we have been given. So fasting is not so much a deprecation of the flesh, but a sharpening of earthly joys. The Talmud says: “One will have to give an account on the judgment day of every good thing which one might have enjoyed — and did not.” Fasting helps us savor God's goodness.

FED RIGHTLY

We have a basic, unspoken fear of being deprived of food. So we try to outfox the caprices of nature and its seasons, hoping that we never have to go hungry. But something has run amok when fear of being deprived of food drives us to manipulating, bullying, controlling, overproducing, depleting, hoarding and consuming — not just food, but fuel and forests, water and whatever resource we cannot live without.

Ravenous for something, we try to still our anxiety with whatever brings comfort most quickly. With a voracious need, we bully our way into the world's stores and consume everything in sight.

Frederick Buechner's definition of a glutton is true — of individuals and of communities: A glutton is one who raids the icebox for a cure for spiritual malnutrition! The habit of “raiding” spoils our appetite, even as it leaves us ever unsatisfied. The late M. F. K. Fisher wrote: “I cannot count the good people I know who would be better if they bent their spirits to the study of their own hungers.

So take a moment to reexamine cravings, hungers, yearnings, compulsions and impulses as natural and right — *but in need of being fed at the right level*. Fast from instant gratifications.



WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Tue. Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
Wed. Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thu. Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Fri. Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
Sat. Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14
Sun. Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Perhaps this Lent you are working hard to stick with your devotions, avoid hamburgers on Fridays, and fight your temptations for soda since you gave it up for Jesus. You are planting seeds in your spiritual life in hopes of growing them into something beautiful and meaningful. However, you have been trying this approach now for many years, and it is hard to say that much has grown during all that time. You could deduce that what you are doing is not as worthwhile as you once believed. There is no fruit because these things don't matter. Or you could take a real hard look at your life, see where you are planting those seeds, and finally notice what the problem has been all along. WEEDS!

Too often, we plant seeds over and over again in soil that is not rich in nutrients and is filled with weeds. The weeds choke the life out of any growth that comes to the seeds planted. We think that adding good things to our life will change it, and removal of sin will not be necessary. It is like eating two large hamburgers and a large fries and believing you won't gain weight because you drank a Diet Coke.

As good stewards who are called to discern how we respond to the call of Jesus Christ, we must be about ripping those weeds out of our lives so the good seeds we plant can grow. For each of us, the weeds are different: money, ego, sex, greed, etc. If we don't take a good honest look at our lives and make some tough choices, no amount of devotion or good works will make us better disciples. We will simply wait for the next Lent to do the same things all over again.

—Tracy Welliver, MTS

GOSPEL MEDITATION FOR MARCH 24TH

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it he found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "The gardener said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Children: God wants your faith to result in good living. What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?

For Youth: What needs changing in your life right now? How will you invite God into that change?

For Adults: What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?

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Sunday, Mar. 24	Monday, Mar. 25	Tuesday, Mar. 26	Wednesday, Mar. 27
8:15 a.m. Mass – St. Anne 10:00 a.m. Mass – Sacred Heart 10:00 a.m. Formación de Fe de los Niños 11:15 a.m. Choir Practice 12:00 p.m. Misa en Español PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		8:00 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Legion of Mary Mtg. 2:00 p.m. Arise Faith Sharing Session 6:00 p.m. Arise Faith Sharing Session	8:00 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Arise Faith Sharing Session 11:00 a.m. Rosary at Rosie's Home 6:00 p.m. Arise Faith Sharing Session 6:00 p.m. Children's Faith Formation Classes
Thursday, Mar. 28	Friday, Mar. 29	Saturday, Mar. 30	Sunday, Mar. 31
8:00 a.m. Mass	8:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Rosary at Oak River 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Dinner PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	8:15 a.m. Mass – St. Anne 10:00 a.m. Mass – Sacred Heart 10:00 a.m. Formación de Fe de los Niños 11:15 a.m. Choir Practice 12:00 p.m. Misa en Español PARISH OFFICE CLOSED