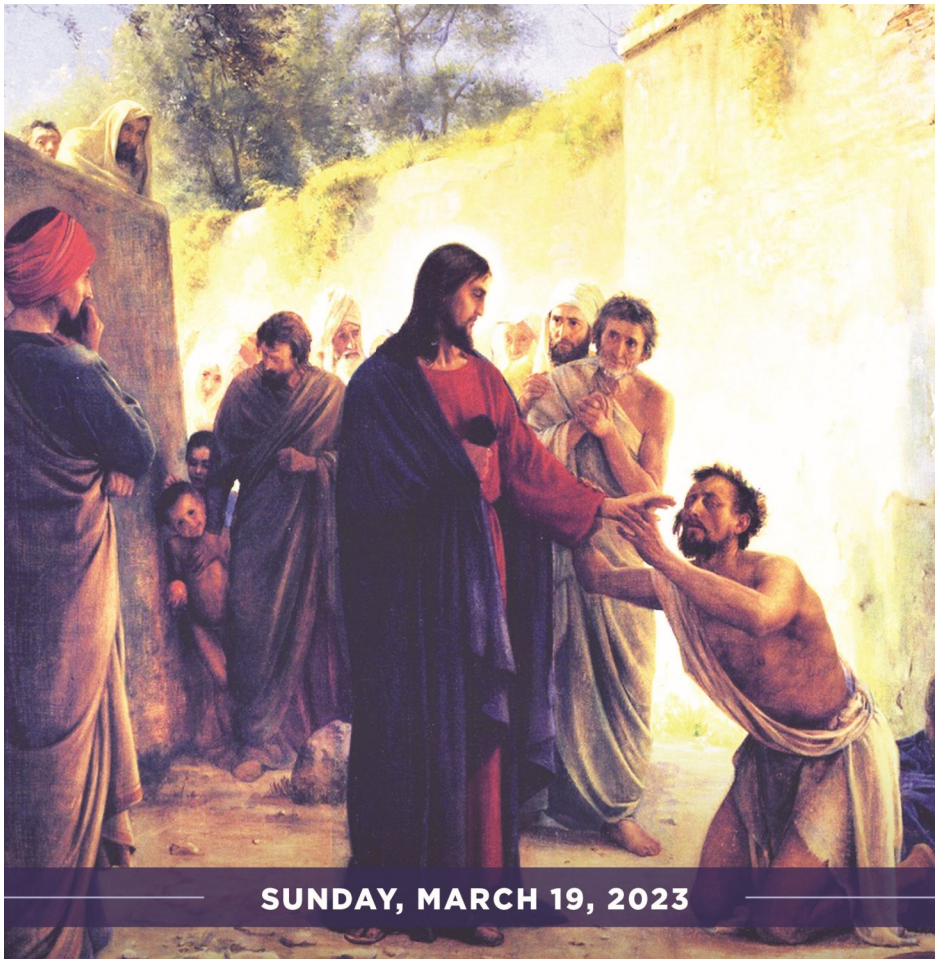


Guardian Angel - St. Columba Parish

MARCH 19, 2023 BULLETIN



SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE @ Guardian Angel

SATURDAY

Vigil Mass @ 4:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 12:00 NOON
SPANISH MASS — 10:30 AM

DAILY MASS

Mon to Sat — 12 NOON

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Eucharistic Adoration

Daily from 12:30 - 1:30 PM
Sunday from 5:00 - 6:00 PM

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CONFESSIONS

Before or after all Masses

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BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

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Finance Council Meeting

Our Parish Finance Council met on Thursday (3/9/23) at 5:30 pm in Guardian Angel Church. Following members were present: Phyllis Waisman, Henry Artis, Sr. Jsefina, Christie Acosta-Perez, Maureen McElduff, Kevin Cuddihy, Horatio Herrera, Rita Jendrzewski, Peter Simpson. Members excused are Kirstie Walsh and Joseph Calvo.

Fr. Pancrose began the meeting with a prayer and welcomed the members.

1. Parish Financial Situation: Father expressed happiness over the increase in Mass attendance and weekly collections. He informed that he has paid all the bills except the monthly consolidated invoice for the Archdiocese for \$23,305.04 from the month of September 2022. So far it is \$161,668.37. Also Fr. James Hauver's unpaid consolidated bill is \$272,617.14. In three months' time we may have to take a loan of 5% interest from the Parish Assistance Corporation of the Archdiocese for our day-to-day expenses.

2. St. Columba Church and properties: Father explained that all the four buildings are vacant and since the parish has no money for their upkeep, the Archdiocesan Parish Finance Office would make arrangements for it and the expenses will be paid at some future gains. There was a discussion on the meeting for all parishioners held by the Vice Chancellor of the Archdiocese, Ms. Eileen Mulcahy, and her team Last October (10/24/22). She explained that St. Columba Church would need 16 million dollars to renovate. Neither the parish nor the Archdiocese has that kind of money. So, it would be relegated to non-religious use. When any profit is gained from it, all debts will be paid off first and then 50% will go to the parish and the remaining 50% will go to the Archdiocese. The council suggested that this amount helps the parish **to set up a permanent income structure for the parish, to build handicapped access to the Church and to repair the pipe organ.**

3. Guardian Angel School Closure: The announcement to close Guardian Angel School was unexpected. Father explained that he had sent in a proposal to run it as a parish school, and it was rejected. Our Principal, Ms. Christie Acosta-Perez, is helping our parents to find good schools for the children and the teachers to find jobs in other schools. There were some questions raised on how to unite all our parishioners and build up the parish. All agreed that the whole community needs to become aware of the long history of our churches, and the sacrifices of so many good people should be preserved for future generations. The meeting ended with a prayer at 7 pm.

Reunión del Consejo de Finanzas

Nuestro Consejo Parroquial de Finanzas se reunió el jueves (3/9/23) a las 5:30 pm en la Iglesia del Ángel de la Guarda. Los siguientes miembros estuvieron presentes: Phyllis Waisman, Henry Artis, Sr. Jsefina, Christie Acosta-Perez, Maureen McElduff, Kevin Cuddihy, Horatio Herrera, Rita Jendrzewski, Peter Simpson. Los miembros excusados son Kirstie Walsh y Joseph Calvo.

El P. Pancrose comenzó la reunión con una oración y dio la bienvenida a los miembros.

1. Situación financiera de la parroquia: El padre expresó su felicidad por el aumento en la asistencia a Misa y las colectas semanales. Informó que ha pagado todas las facturas excepto la factura consolidada mensual para la Arquidiócesis por \$23,305.04 del mes de septiembre de 2022. Hasta ahora es de \$161,668.37. También la factura consolidada impagada del P. James Hauver es de \$272,617.14. En tres meses, es posible que tengamos que tomar un préstamo del 5% de interés de la Corporación de Asistencia Parroquial de la Arquidiócesis para nuestros gastos diarios.

2. Iglesia de San Columba y propiedades: El Padre explicó que los cuatro edificios están vacantes y dado que la parroquia no tiene dinero para su mantenimiento, la Oficina de Finanzas de la Parroquia Arquidiocesana haría los arreglos para ello y los gastos se pagarán con algunas ganancias futuras. Hubo una discusión sobre la reunión para todos los feligreses celebrada por la Vicecanciller de la Arquidiócesis, Sra. Eileen Mulcahy, y su equipo en octubre pasado (24/10/22). Explicó que la Iglesia de San Columba necesitaría 16 millones de dólares para renovarse. La parroquia ni la Arquidiócesis tienen esa cantidad de dinero. Por lo tanto, sería relegado a un uso no religioso. Cuando se obtenga algún beneficio de ello, todas las deudas se pagarán primero y luego el 50% irá a la parroquia y el 50% restante irá a la Arquidiócesis. El consejo sugirió que esta cantidad ayuda a la parroquia a **establecer una estructura de ingresos permanente para la parroquia, a construir un acceso para discapacitados a la Iglesia y a reparar el órgano de tubos.**

3. Cierre de la Escuela del Ángel de la Guarda: El anuncio de cerrar la Escuela del Ángel de la Guarda fue inesperado. El padre explicó que había enviado una propuesta para administrarla como una escuela parroquial, y fue rechazada. Christie Acosta-Pérez, está ayudando a nuestros padres a encontrar buenas escuelas para los niños y a los maestros a encontrar trabajo en otras escuelas. Surgieron algunas preguntas sobre cómo unir a todos nuestros feligreses y construir la parroquia. Todos estuvieron de acuerdo en que toda la comunidad necesita tomar conciencia de la larga historia de nuestras iglesias, y los sacrificios de tantas personas buenas deben preservarse para las generaciones futuras. La reunión terminó con una oración a las 7 pm.

In his article, *How to Grow in The Catholic Faith*, Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J. offers us advice on how a Catholic can grow in their Faith today. And he begins his article as follows:

How can a Catholic grow in their Faith today?

While there are many means, I would single out four for special mention because I consider them fundamental to the rest. They are **study, prayer, practice** and **zeal**, and each deserves not the brief commentary I will give it here, but an entire book.

Study. By studying the Faith, I mean that no Catholic today, no matter what their age or state in life, can be excused from learning more and more deeply what Christ has revealed and teaches us through the Faith. There is a sobering passage in the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:3-23) where Christ explains why the seed falling upon the edge of the path bears no fruit. Christ the Master says: *"When anyone hears the Word of the kingdom without understanding it" — burn that into your minds "without understanding it" — "the Evil One comes and carries off what was sown in his heart."* What Jesus is saying is that to receive the seed of Faith is not enough. The Faith must — note, *must!* — also be understood. We know too much Catholicism to say it must be comprehended, which means fully understood. Comprehension is reserved for heaven, but understanding is no luxury, it is a duty on earth. And we are to grow in that understanding. Otherwise, the devil comes along with sophisticated arguments and robs the Faith from a person's heart.

A word of warning, however — make absolutely sure that in studying the Faith *you read authors who support the Faith, and consult people who themselves are staunchly Catholic, and listen to speakers and attend conferences and discuss with those who will fortify what you believe.* Let their Faith nourish yours and your Faith nourish theirs. Never has it been more necessary to choose your close friends and even companions. Studying the Faith must be done with faithful persons, using faithful sources, and its purpose should be to acquire a clearer understanding, a deeper certitude and a greater appreciation of what the Holy Spirit has revealed. The Holy Spirit wants the seed of His Word to grow. The first means for assuring that growth is study.

(To be continued)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - March 18

4:00 pm — Mem - Marie Evers

Sunday - March 19

9:00 am — Mem - Kenneth P. Gault

10:30 am — Int - Maureen T. Hickey (Living)

Int - Mylka Mendoza (Living)

12:00 pm — Mem - Sr. Natividad de San Jose

Monday - March 20

12:00 pm — Mem - Carlos Aponte

Tuesday - March 21

12:00 pm — Mem - Sr. Natividad de San Jose

Wednesday - March 22

12:00 pm — For all parishioners

Thursday - March 23

12:00 pm — Mem - Sr. Natividad de San Jose

Friday - March 24

12:00 pm — For the persecuted Christians

Saturday - March 25

12:00 pm — Mem - Sr. Natividad de San Jose

4:00 pm — Mem - Carmen Navarro

Sunday - March 26

9:00 am — Mem - Parish Priests & Religious

10:30 am — Mem - Sr. Natividad de San Jose

12:00 pm — Nieves Guadalupe Lopez Ramirez

Pray for our Sick, Suffering, and Homebound

- John Lawrence McCormick • Christian Rivera
- Ariel Rivera • Marina Montalvo
- James Patrick Cleary • Kara Jean Fleming
- Stacy Hearrell • Anthony Orlando
- Anne Orlando • Kerry Ann Sadak
- Leu-Anne Nickey • Ellen Consales
- Juan Cerda • Kevin Peet • John Rossi
- Arlene Stock • Michael Bini • Mary Lou Dwyer
- Elena Macleod • Jacob (Age 10) • Jaxson (Age 6)

Pray for our Deceased Family & Friends

CHURCH COLLECTION REPORT

Last Sunday Collection: \$2156.00
Weekly Shrine Candles: \$281.00

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD
rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Ps 23)

Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

Gospel:

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. (Jn 9:6-7)

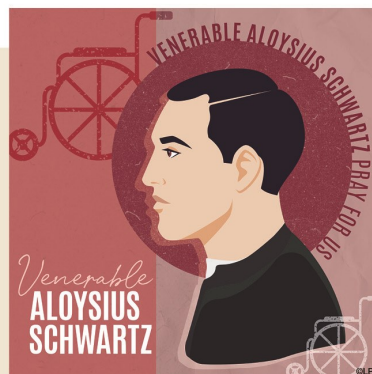
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself.

Observances for the week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Venerable Aloysius Schwartz (Father Al) spent his life embracing poverty, building hospitals, and supporting orphans in war-torn Korea, the Philippines, and the Americas. His legacy lives on through the religious orders he founded — the Sisters of Mary and the Brothers of Christ.

Prayer

Prayer for Venerable Aloysius Schwartz's intercession

Almighty, ever-living God, giver of good gifts, You have filled Msgr. Al with an ardent love for You and for souls. You have inspired him to dedicate his life to relieve the suffering of the orphans, abandoned, the sick and poor, especially the youth, which he did with all humility and courage until the end of his life. May his holy life of love and service to the poor be recognized by the Church through his beatification and canonization.

For Your honor and glory, we pray that the life of Msgr. Al. be an inspiration for us in striving for perfection in the love of God and service to others. I ask You to bestow upon me, through the intercession of Fr. Al (your intention).

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, and the maternal aid of Mary, the Virgin of the Poor.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd 14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21 22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7 8a,8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
- Next Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: **“How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?”** Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. **“I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,”** announces the Lord, **“for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”** Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Not As Man Sees

I don't know Fr. Stu personally, but I've heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he's sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself through people, places, and experiences we not only didn't expect but perhaps had totally written off.

We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I've decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It's a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

"Not as man sees does God see." — 1 Samuel 16:7

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.