

WEEKLY OFFERING

SMP Almsgiving Report for March 9 & 10, 2024

Weekly Goal: **\$8,000**

1st COLLECTION

Sat 5:00 pm - \$

Sat. 6:30 pm - \$

Sun 8:00 am - \$

Sun 10:00 am - \$

Sun 12:00 pm - \$

Sun 5:00 pm - \$

Amount under goal - \$

2nd COLLECTION

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

17 March 2024



**“Whoever serves me must follow me,
... Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.”**

John 12.26

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY

5:00 PM - ENGLISH

6:30 PM - SPANISH

SUNDAY

8:00 AM - ENGLISH

10:00 AM - ENGLISH

12:00 PM - SPANISH

5:00 PM - VIETNAMESE

CONFESSION

SATURDAY - 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Every Friday night after the 5:00 pm mass
till 12:00 am

BAPTISM

Pick up a packet from the parish office or
go to the parish website.

WEDDING & QUINCEANERA/RCIA

Contact Nancy @ 408-736-3725 ext. 5

ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday @ 6:00 pm in the chapel

SPANISH BIBLE STUDY

Every Friday @ 7:00 pm in the parish
office

*“Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ
and stewards of God’s mysteries.”
1 Corinthians 4:1*



**Annual
Diocesan
Appeal**

Supporting Our Mission Together



The Annual Diocesan Appeal supports ministries and programs that serve all parishes of the Diocese of San José and our local community. It also gives parishes the opportunity to raise significant funds by earning rebates over their own individual parish goal.

*Because of your generosity to the ADA,
Christ is glorified through your giving.
Thank you!*

Parish Goal = \$77, 990

We are almost half way our goal. With your support and prayers, we are confident that we will surpass this goal with your help. We have 4 more weeks to collect your pledges. Please scan the QR code to make your donation.



GATHERING SONG - *OUR GOD IS HERE* (Muglia)

Here in this time, here in this place,
Here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong,
Here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.

Refrain:

And we cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy are You!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
Our God is here.

Here in the Word, God is revealed,
Here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
Here we become what we receive,
Here in this Eucharistic feast.
We are His body, living as one;
Our God is here. *Refrain*

Reading I

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and the house of Judah.
It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers
the day I took them by the hand
to lead them forth from the land of Egypt;
for they broke my covenant,
and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD.
But this is the covenant that I will make
with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD.
I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives
how to know the LORD.
All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD,
for I will forgive their evil-doing and remember their sin no more.

The word of God - Thanks be to God



March 22- Stations of the Cross - 5:45 pm English
6:30 pm - Spanish
7:00 pm - Vietnamese

Drive Thru Fish Fry by Knights of Columbus

March 24 - Palm Sunday - Procession of Palms from the parish hall for:
10:00 am - English, 12:00 pm - Spanish, 5:00 pm - Vietnamese masses

March 31 - Easter - Invite, Bring Family and Friends. All are welcome!
Mass Schedule follows the regular Sunday schedule.

April 14 - Stanford Blood Bank Drive 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Parish Hall
"Donating blood saves lives!"



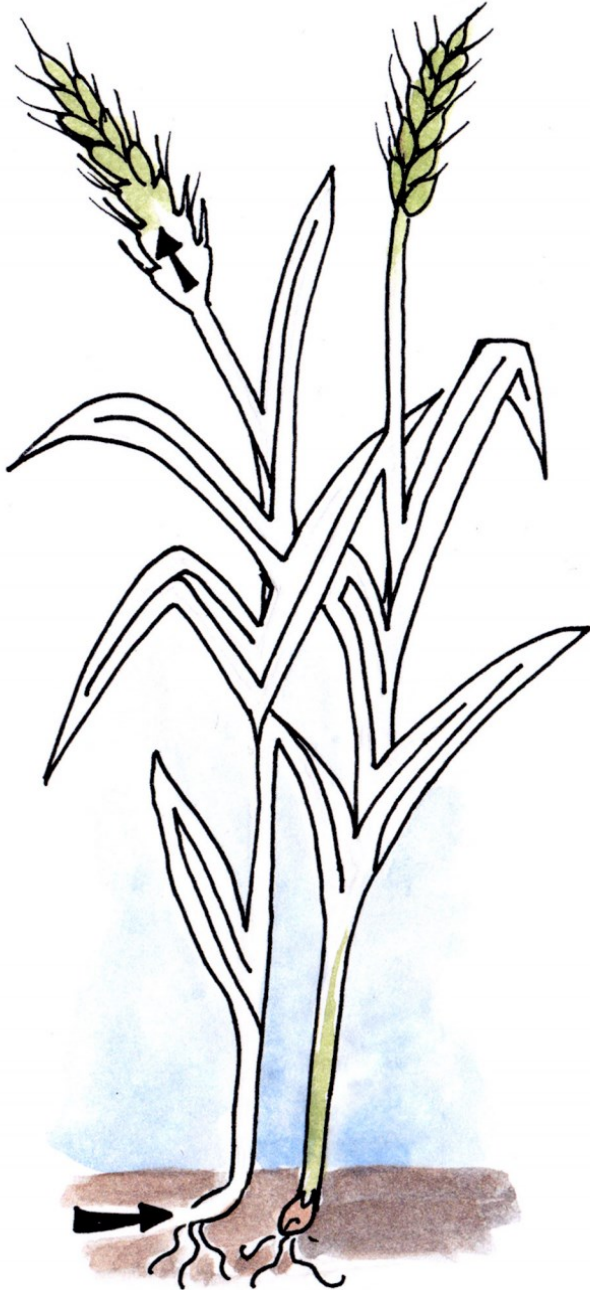
Will host next week's Meatless Meal. Get your tickets this weekend! \$15 meal includes: Fish & Chips, Salad, Condiments



Support St. Martin's Final Lenten Meatless Meal by Dining in or picking up on our Drive thru services. To ensure you'll have a plate, please buy your tickets in advance today!

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17th, 2024



In today's
Gospel reading
Jesus says,
"Unless a grain
of wheat falls
to the ground
and dies, it
remains alone;
but if it dies, it
bears much
fruit.

Can you find
your way from
this grain of
wheat to the
new seeds at
the top?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

[51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15](#)

R. (12a) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners shall return to you.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

READING II

[Heb 5:7-9](#)

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE HEBREWS

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh,
he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears
to the one who was able to save him from death,
and he was heard because of his reverence.
Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered;
and when he was made perfect,
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The word of God - *Thanks be to God*



VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

[Jn 12:26](#)

"PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF ENDLESS GLORY"

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF ENDLESS GLORY"

GOSPEL

[Jn 12:20-33](#)

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?
'Father, save me from this hour'?
But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.
Father, glorify your name."
Then a voice came from heaven,
"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."
The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder;
but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."
Jesus answered and said,
"This voice did not come for my sake but for yours.
Now is the time of judgment on this world;
now the ruler of this world will be driven out.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself."
He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Work is Loving the World: *A Lenten Stewardship Reflection*

Insightful stewardship expressions can be found in any number of poems we read reflectively. In the poem "Messenger" for instance, the poet Mary Oliver writes: "My work is loving the world."

What does the poet mean by her use of the word "work" in relationship to "loving?" How can Christian stewards make prayerful use of this reflection during the season of Lent?

The forty days of Lent provide stewards with a marvelous opportunity to evaluate the nature of our life's "work." Being reminded to take a meaningful and substantive spiritual "pause" in our lives for forty days is a gift in itself. Sometimes, we have good intentions to improve our spiritual lives. But we tend to put it off. The season of Lent begins by reminding us of the brevity of our lives, and then presents us with the immediacy of forty days to focus more intensely on our life in Christ. This is the first step toward embracing Christian stewardship as a way of life.

It's a good number, forty days; good enough to provide structure to help us open our hearts to conversion as we examine just what our "work" in this world should genuinely be about. As we imagine

what Jesus must have done in the desert for forty days, we have the opportunity to examine our lives and vocation, as well as our strengths, weaknesses and temptations. Oliver probably realizes that if most of us are asked what our "work" is, we would reply with a description of how we earn our paycheck or take care of our family. In a sense, this is correct. We all have to support ourselves and provide for our families. Oliver would hardly reject that necessity. But her poem also suggests that, no matter how we spend our lives, there must be a deeper dimension to our life's purpose; a way of engaging the world with our loving presence. Indeed, there is a Catholic worldview that encourages us to pray →

for and to act in ways that make a difference in a world that is hungry for Christ's love.

For Christian stewards, bringing Christ's loving presence into our work and our workplace is necessary in order to live in the world as disciples of the Lord. It is key to living the Christian life in our world today.

The very word "work" connotes a certain dedication and commitment, indeed a certain obligation. This rings true in Oliver's simple line. As Christian stewards, we have a fundamental obligation to love and embrace the world as ambassadors of Christ. The season of Lent provides us with a singular opportunity to examine how well we're doing and to make an even greater commitment to exercising good stewardship of all the Lord has entrusted to us.

Chúa Nhật Thứ IV Mùa Chay (ngày 17 tháng 03 năm 2024) - Năm B

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Sự Sống ...

Là người như bao nhiêu người, Chúa Giêsu cũng xót thương, cũng rung động trước nỗi mất mát của người thân, của bạn hữu. Và Chúa đã thật sự xót thương, thật sự rung động trước cái chết của chàng trai Lazarô, bạn của Chúa. Thế nhưng điều mà Tin Mừng muốn nói không dừng lại ở việc Chúa xúc động. Vượt trên cái chết rất đời thường của Lazarô, là sự khẳng định quá sức phi thường của Chúa Giêsu: "Ta là sự sống lại và là sự sống. Ai tin Ta, dù có chết cũng sẽ được sống. Và kẻ nào sống mà tin Ta, sẽ không chết bao giờ".

Ngay từ bài đọc I trích từ sách tiên tri Êdêkiel (Ez.37:12-14) tác giả lên tiếng "Ta mở cửa mồ các người và kéo các người ra khỏi mồ, Ta sẽ cho các người thần trí của Ta và các người được sống". Qua bài đọc II, thư của Thánh Phaolô tông đồ gửi cho Giáo đoàn Roma, Ngài cũng nói: "Thánh Thần của Đấng làm cho Đức Giêsu Kitô từ cõi chết sống lại ở trong anh em" (Rm 8:11). Và nhất là bài Tin Mừng theo Thánh Gioan (Ga 11: 1-45) Chúa Giêsu xác quyết: "Ta là sự sống lại và là sự sống, ai tin Ta đâu có chết cũng sẽ được sống".

Chúa Giêsu chính là sự sống, là Đấng ban sự sống cho những ai tin vào Ngài, điều này được chứng minh qua phép lạ làm cho Lazarô sống lại. Đây là trình thuật dài nhất trong Tin Mừng Gioan và phép lạ chỉ xảy ra ở lúc cuối, còn phần đầu là chuẩn bị. Cả trình thuật là một thăm kích được dàn dựng từng hồi, càng lúc càng căng thẳng, cho đến khi được kết cục trong hành vi cuối cùng: Chúa Giêsu mạc khải Ngài là Đấng ban sự sống và đòi con người phải đáp trả bằng niềm tin.

Nhưng người Kitô hữu có đức tin, họ xác tín mạnh mẽ vào Đấng là Thiên Chúa đã làm người chaja sẽ đến cùng kiếp sống con người của họ. Người đã chết thật, nhưng đã đi bước trước để dạy họ bài học của sự sống đằng sau cái chết: đó là chính Chúa đã sống lại thật. Sự sống đằng sau cái chết mới là sống thật, sống vĩnh cửu. Một sự sống không có sự chết. Đấng Phục Sinh ấy, hôm nay, trong Tin Mừng, đã nói một cách tường tận, thẳng thắn với Mattha, cũng là nói với bạn và tôi: "Ta là sự sống lại và là sự sống. Ai tin Ta, dù có chết cũng sẽ được sống. Và kẻ nào sống mà tin Ta sẽ không chết bao giờ".

Qua cái chết và sự sống lại của Ngài, Chúa Giêsu đã loan báo cho con người một tin mừng: cái chết không còn là một ngõ cụt hay tận cùng nửa mà là cửa ngõ dẫn vào một cuộc sống mới, một cuộc sống trong Đức Kitô và cùng với Đức Kitô trong nước Thiên Chúa.

Tin vào Đấng tự mình phục sinh và hứa ban ơn phục sinh cho những ai tin, người Kitô hữu cảm nhận bình an trong cuộc sống. Đức tin giúp họ hiểu rằng, cái chết chỉ là một sự biến đổi để trở về cùng Thiên Chúa. Nhờ đức tin, chúng ta nhận ra ý nghĩa của cuộc đời hôm nay.

OFFERTORY HYMN - *ALL THAT I AM* (Temple)

All that I am, all that I do,
 all that I'll ever have, I offer now to You.
 All that I dream, all that I pray,
 all that I'll ever make, I give to You today.

Refrain:

Take and sanctify these gifts for Your honor, Lord,
 knowing that to love and serve You is enough reward.



Spirit and grace, here in this meal;
 You are the wind that breathes through the field.
 Gather the wheat and form us in Christ.
 Come be our source and breath of life.

Refrain:

In the bread, blessed, broken and shared,
 Christ is our life, Whose presence we bear.
 Come, O Spirit, make Your grace revealed
 in this holy meal.

Spirit and grace, here in this meal;
 You are the life that flows through the vine.
 Gather this drink and form us in Christ,
 Come, be our source and blood of life. *Refrain*

Spirit and grace, here in this place;
 You are the light that shines in this space.
 Gather Your people and form us in Christ.
 Come, be the heartbeat of our lives. *Refrain*

Spirit of God, sending us forth;
 We spread Your wisdom throughout all the earth.
 Gather the nations and form us in Christ.
 Come, be the presence in our lives. *Refrain*

COMMUNION II - *UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT* (Farrell)

Refrain:

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
upon the ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with Him then we shall live with Him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with Him. *Refrain*

If anyone serves me then they must follow me;
wherever I am my servants will be. *Refrain*

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
those who remain in me bear much fruit. *Refrain*

If you remain in me and my word lives in you,
then you will be my disciples. *Refrain*

Those who love me are loved by my Father;
we shall be with them and dwell in them. *Refrain*

SENDING FORTH HYMN - *GRACIOUS GOD* (Manibusan)

Lead us, Lord, into the desert;
lead us through the wilderness.
Through this journey we will follow,
for we long to see Your face.
In this time of sacred struggle,
in this time of sacrifice,
We rejoice, for we remember
that You lead us into life.

Refrain:

Gracious God, mercy is Your name.
Redeeming Love, You give Your life away.
Gracious God, we bless Your holy name.
Receiving love, we give our lives away.

Gracious God



Mass Intentions

For the week of March 11 to March 17, 2024

- March 11 - Leonora Basconcillo †
Yuan Francis Liu †
St. Joseph - Thanksgiving
- March 12 - Yuan Francis Liu†
All Souls in Purgatory †
St. Joseph - Thanksgiving
- March 13 - Patrocinia Tugadi† - Memorial Birthday
Leonardo D. Bruce †
Yuan Francis Liu †
St. Joseph - Thanksgiving
- March 14 - Florentino & Pilar Atangan †
Yuan Francis Liu†
St. Joseph - Thanksgiving
- March 15 - Yuan Francis Liu†
Erik Ceballos - Health
Therese S. Turner - Birthday
Leonarda Guerrero - Healing
St. Joseph - Thanksgiving
- March 16 -
5:00 pm - Justo Aguilar †
Yuan Francis Liu†
St. Joseph - Thanksgiving
- 6:30 pm - Steven Anthony Alcala † - 15th yr. Death
Anniv.
Jose Vasquez † - Memorial Birthday
Manuel & Josefina Hernandez Lopez †
Raquel & Tito Ramirez Lopez †
All Souls in Purgatory †
- March 17 -
8:00 am - Yuan Francis Liu†
Tran Family Souls †
Theresa Montalvo Rosenbush † - Memorial Birthday
- 10:00 am - Marcelo & Connie Campano †
Consuelo R. Campano † - Memorial Birthday
Benjamin S. Marasigan †
Carlos S. Marasigan - Birthday
St. Joseph - Thanksgiving
- 12:00 pm - For the Parishioners