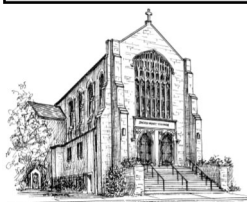


Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón y S. Francisco de Asís

Sacred Heart & St. Francis of Assisi Parish



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 2020

CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



ENGLISH SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses in English

7:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Weekday Masses in English

Monday - Friday 7:15 a.m.
1st Fridays (Oct-June) 9 a.m.
1st Saturdays 12 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays 5 - 6 p.m.

Holy Hours

Mondays & Fridays: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

HORARIO EN ESPAÑOL

Misas Dominicales

Sábado
6 p.m. (Misa de Vigilia)

Domingo
9:30 a.m. y 1:00 p.m.

Misas diarias en Español

Lunes a Sábado 9 a.m.
Martes a Jueves 6:30 p.m.
1^{er} Viernes 7 p.m.

Confesiones

Sábado 5 a 6 p.m.

Hora Santa

Lunes y Viernes: 6 a 7 p.m.
Miércoles: 9:30 a 10:30am
Sábado: 9 a.m. a 6 p.m.

Enfermos / Sick List:

Ana Cotto, Antonio Crispino, Esequiel Davila, Luis Delgado, Maria DeJesus, Gladys Diaz, Doris Dominguez, Alfredo Ferrer, Nurys Gómez, Victor Gómez Jr., Edi Jimenez, Marguerite Johnson, James Leung, Milena Lora, Toledo Lora, Rosa Rivera, Leandro Moreno, Marlene Oliveras, Alberto Padilla, Venedicto Paulino, Ramona Santana, Maria Santos, Efraim Soler, Ramcés Tiburcio, Jennifer Tirado, Marcus Velazquez, Paola Veras, Rosie Viñales, Stephen Williams, Vilma Conto, Rosa Valdez, Margarita Rodriguez, Helen Quevedo, Betzaida Hamburgo

(N.B. HIPPA laws prevent us from visiting anyone who does not give us prior direct permission.)

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LECTURAS SEMANALES / WEEKLY READINGS

Monday / Lunes

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday / Martes

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday / Miercoles

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday / Jueves

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday / Viernes

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday / Sabado

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday / Domingo

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

MORTEM TUAM, ANNUNTIAMUS, DOMINE, ET TUAM RESURRECTIONEM CONFITEMUR, DONEC VENIAS.

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS † = MISSA PRO DEFUNCTIS ANV = ANNIV. TG = IN THANKSGIVING H = HEALTH / WELL BEING ADG = ACCION DE GRACIAS SAL = SALUD / BIENESTAR		DATE	PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR / CALENDARIO PARROQUIAL
6p Sat. Vigil Pascasio y Clemencia Tapia ††		4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 3/22/2020 IV DOMINGO DE CUARESMA	10,45h Cofradía de los Devotos de la Virgen del Cisne (II domingo del mes en el sótano del templo)
7:45 am Carmen Ramirez †			12 pm <i>Circle of Friends Rosary Society</i> (1st Sunday of the Month – church basement)
9:30 am MISA COLECTIVA			1 pm African Association (3rd Sundays Only - Church Basement)
11:15 am Vladamir Olivo †			3 pm Communauté Catholique Burkina Faso (4th Sundays Only - Basement)
1 pm MISA COLECTIVA			3 pm Movimientos Matrimoniales Católicos (Solo el 1° domingo de cada mes - Sótano)
7:15 am		MONDAY 3/23 <i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop</i>	7 pm Movimiento Familiar Guadalupano (II domingo del mes en el sótano del templo)
9 am Sara Caceres †			6 pm Holy Hour (Rectory Chapel)
7:15 am		TUESDAY 3/24 <i>St. Oscar Romero Bishop & Martyr</i>	7:30 p Movimientos Parroquiales Juan XXIII
9 am			6:30 p AA & Beyond (SH Church Basement)
6:30 pm Ana Colasa Montero †			7:15 p RCIA (SH Rectory: Sept-May only)
7:15 am		WEDS 3/25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9:30 a Holy Hour (Rectory Chapel)
9 am			7 pm Cursillistas (SH Church Basement)
6:30 pm			
7:15 am Ana Alvarez †		THURSDAY 3/26 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	9:30 a Legión de María (Rectory Chapel)
9 am			7 pm Círculo de Oración (SH Basement)
6:30 pm			
7:15 am		FRIDAY 3/27 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	6 p Holy Hour (Rectory Chapel)
9 am			7 p Misa del Sagrado Corazón (Solo el 1er viernes de cada mes)
9 am (SHS) First Fridays Only			7:30p AA & Beyond (SH Church Basement)
7 pm Solo el 1er viernes de cada mes			
9 am Animas del Purgatorio		SATURDAY 3/28 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	9 am - Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración para Vocaciones Religiosas (SH Chapel)
12 pm First Saturdays Only			5:45p

Parish Weekly Collection / Colecta Semanal (Mar. 8)						Parish Debt	Parish Campaigns Campañas Especiales		
Last Sunday's Collection	First Collection	Second Collection	Number of Adults	Average Gift per Adult	Special Collections	Outstanding Loans (as of 03/30/17)	<i>¡Gracias por su generosidad!</i>	2020 Cardinal's Appeal	Renew & Rebuild Campaign 2017-2022
Colecta del Domingo Pasado	Primera Colecta	Segunda Colecta	Número de Adultos	Promedio por Adulto	_____	Prestamos Pendientes	Meta / Goal	\$34,500	\$ 522,000
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	_____	\$ 1.8 M	Fondos Prometidos/ Amount Pledged	\$3,720	\$243,457 (as of 8/21/19)
							% to goal	10.7	46.6

My Dear Parishioners.....these are unprecedented times!

Due to the Coronavirus, all public Sunday and weekday Masses were cancelled beginning on March 14, 2020 and will continue to be until further notice. All regular activities, meetings, religious education classes and liturgies are also cancelled for the foreseeable future. Your parish priests will continue to offer private Masses in order to satisfy all intentions reserved through the parish office. We are waiting for a decision from our chief shepherd, Cardinal Dolan, about the celebration of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday liturgies.

Confessions and Anointing of the Sick can be arranged by appointment only. If you know of a parishioner who is suffering, distressed, or "in need," please let us know. Call the rectory at 718-293-2766.

I recommend that all Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, and Quinceañeras be postponed until the Fall, but can be celebrated with not more than 10 people in attendance.

Please follow all guidelines recommended by civil authorities and be sure to employ social distancing best practices until this contagion passes over us. May God bless every one of you, your families, and your loved ones.

Father Joseph Franco

LIGHT

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have "fallen asleep" along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today's Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim "Christ our Light" as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Centuries ago, these Lenten days were a time of intense final preparation for the candidates for baptism. By now, they had already been numbered among the "elect" for Easter baptism, and were daily challenged to excel in prayer, in fasting, and in works of charity. As is true today, at a certain point in the weekly assembly for Eucharist, the nonbaptized were dismissed from the assembly for their own learning and prayer. While they might have had impressions about the Eucharist, they had no direct experience. The rites of the church were secret and its worship places off-limits.

For the Easter Vigil, those to be baptized arrived very hungry from long fasting, and perhaps very apprehensive as to how initiation was to be accomplished. A long night of vigil and storytelling, a shimmering pool of baptism, the anointing with oil and clothing with white robes came as something of a surprise. At the end of a long, life-changing night of embrace by Christ and the community, as the eucharistic feast ended, a final surprise was brought forward. To address the deep hunger of the newly baptized, the church offered a bowl of milk and honey, sign of promises fulfilled, sign of community, prosperity, and peace, and yet another foretaste of heaven's banquet.

LUZ

"Despierta, tú que duermes; levántate de entre los muertos y Cristo será tu luz" (Efesios 5:14). Estamos a medio camino en la jornada de Cuaresma para la conversión. Como siempre, Dios no se da por vencido con nosotros, especialmente con aquellos que "duermen" en el camino a la conversión. Los más grandes relatos de conversión se proclaman en estas semanas finales de la Cuaresma. Estos tienen el poder de sacudirnos de nuestro sueño. El relato del Evangelio de hoy sobre la curación del ciego de nacimiento expone la verdadera ceguera en tiempos de Cristo —la ceguera de los líderes religiosos que se creían muy buenos y justos. Dentro de pocas semanas, en la Vigilia Pascual, la Iglesia proclamará a "Cristo nuestra Luz" cuando el Cirio Pascual es llevado dentro de las iglesias oscuras de todo el mundo. Que la oscuridad del pecado que impregna nuestra vida, comunidades y nuestro mundo sea disipada por Cristo quien viene trayendo vista al ciego y luz al mundo.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Muchos católicos aprovechan el tiempo de Cuaresma para confesarse. El sacramento de Reconciliación tiene una historia un poco complicada, pues ha sufrido muchos cambios con el transcurrir de los siglos. Al principio, la penitencia sólo se celebraba una sola vez en la vida de un cristiano y era necesaria en caso de pecado grave, como lo era la apostasía, el adulterio y el asesinato. El penitente tenía que hacer una confesión en público, frente al obispo y la comunidad entera. La penitencia consistía de un ayuno severo y vestir una indumentaria especial que lo distinguía. Esta penitencia podía durar semanas, y a veces, meses. Durante este tiempo, el penitente no podía estar presente en la mesa de la Eucaristía hasta que el obispo le diera la bendición de reconciliación, la cual, a menudo, se llevaba a cabo el Jueves Santo. Con el paso del tiempo, los cristianos se dieron cuenta de la necesidad de celebrar el sacramento de la Reconciliación con más frecuencia y por otras clases de pecado.

Algún tiempo después, esta práctica cayó en el desuso y fue sustituida por la confesión privada, la cual se originó entre los monjes irlandeses. Después, esta práctica fue aceptada por toda la Iglesia. De esta manera es que nació el sacramento de la reconciliación que conocemos hoy. Actualmente, a pesar de que la Iglesia dice que no es necesario acercarse al confesionario antes de recibir la Comunión, se nos exhorta a confesarnos por lo menos una vez al año, o lo antes posible después de haber cometido pecado grave.

SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606)

March 23

In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illuminate the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying conquistadores—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio."

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Calendario~Coming Up

MARCH / MARZO

25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Solemnidad de la Anunciación del Señor

APRIL / ABRIL

5 Palm Sunday - Domingo de Ramos

6 Reconciliation Monday - cancelled.
Lunes de Reconciliación - **cancelado**.



El Señor es
mi pastor,
nada me falta.

— *Salmo 23*
(22):1

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La Campaña Anual del Cardenal 2020

La Campaña Anual del Cardenal sirve a nuestras comunidades en los 10 condados de la arquidiócesis. Si todavía no ha hecho su donación, por favor considere hacerla hoy mismo. Recuerde que puede hacer un compromiso aquí en la parroquia o también online en www.cardinalsappeal.org, y realizar los pagos durante los próximos meses. Muchas gracias a todos los que ya han participado – le agradecemos su generosidad!

Cardinal's Appeal 2020

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal serves our spiritual communities across our 10 counties. If you have not yet made your pledge to the Cardinal's Appeal, please make your commitment today. Remember, you can pledge your gift now here at the parish or at www.cardinalsappeal.org, and make payments in the coming months. Thank you to all who have already made your commitment – your generosity is appreciated!

Renew & Rebuild / Renovar y Reconstruir

Gracias a los que se comprometieron para el muro por la campaña de *Renovar y Reconstruir*. Se puede cumplir mediante la segunda colecta en las misas siguientes:

**Apr 5, May 3, June 28,
Jul 5, Aug 2, Sept 6,
Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6**

Thank you to all those who made a pledge for our North Wall through the *Renew & Rebuild* campaign. You also may satisfy your pledge through the second collection at the above masses.

COVER SHEET—

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Regards, **Fr. Joseph Franco**