

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024**

Saying, Doing, or Being?

St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians that we are saved through grace: God's actions of sending his Son to die for us and raising Jesus from the dead show the love God has for us. It comes entirely from God. We are saved by our faith in Jesus, but even that faith comes from God. So when Paul says that no one can boast about being saved, he means that we can't add up our good deeds like reward points for heaven. He also means that we can't brag about our faith because we can recite the creed or answer an altar call. So if being saved is not a matter of saying the right things, or doing good deeds, what is it? The answer comes from the gospel. Jesus tells us that he will be lifted up, or crucified, so that we can believe in him and have eternal life. Notice he doesn't give a list of facts about God that we are required to believe. When we "believe in" someone, we put our love and trust in that person. We want to be with that person as much as we can. We know that we are loved and so respond by giving love. Our response of love is not just a happy feeling. It inspires us to stop being selfish and start noticing that others need our help. Jesus describes it as living in the light: we are not ashamed to help someone, forgive someone, or comfort someone. While we do not force our faith on others, we don't hide it either. Our life is in the light, open to anyone who wants to see what God has done for us. That brings us back to the question about salvation: it is not something we do or say. It is what God does for us. Our response of faith is also his gift. So when we recognize all that God has done for us and believe in his Son Jesus, the Spirit will guide us to live that faith and share it with others.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23)

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137)

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10)

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

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

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

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

MASSES FOR THE WEEK - MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Saturday

4:30pm: Antonio Dos Reis Matos+, Maria Spannuth+, Cristina Maria de Jesus+
Fernando Pereira+

6:30pm/Spanish: All Souls+

Sunday

8:00am: Alicia Andes+, Alan Wallace+, Manuel, Antonio & Lourdes Rego+
10:00am: Tony Mello+, Tony Solorzano+, Maria & Ramon Martin+, Maria Gomez+
11:30am/Spanish: All Souls+

9:00am/(M): DAILY MASS+

9:00am/(T): DAILY MASS+

9:00am/(W): DAILY MASS+

9:00am/(Thurs): DAILY MASS+

9:00am/(F): DAILY MASS+



Please join us each Friday of Lent, as we pray the Stations of the Cross: 6:00PM/English & 7:00PM/Spanish.

Lent Reconciliation

Tuesday: March 12, 4:30-6:00 pm

Wednesday: March 13, 4:30-6:00 pm

Thursday: March 14, 4:30-6:00 pm



Holy Thursday/Jueves Santo

March 28, 2024

5:30PM/English

7:30PM/Español

Good Friday/Viernes Santo

March 29, 2024

11:00AM/English

1:00PM/Español

Saturday Easter Vigil/Sabado Vigilia

March 30, 2024

4:30PM/English

7:30PM/Español





Please help with donations of Easter LILIES to beautify our sanctuary during Easter. Bring LILIES to the parish office on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of Holy Week.

This 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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on March 11, at 6:00PM.



All roof work was completed on 2/23/24. City inspection was completed on 2/26/24 with no issues or concerns. Manufacturer will be scheduling an additional inspection of their materials used on the roof, date TBD. The damaged acoustic tiles on the ceiling throughout the inside of church will be replaced, TBD. The total cost for this project was **\$134,000.00**. This project while necessary required a significant amount of money. After careful consideration and prayer, I am reaching out to our parish community for assistance. I have been extremely grateful to those who have already donated. **Many thanks to all who have donated to the roof project. A total of \$19,740.00, has been received.** Any monetary assistance you can provide is much appreciated. Father Miguel and Parish Council.

IT'S TEA TIME LADIES! The Daughters of Isabella will hold its annual Spring Tea on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at the Littleton Center at 1:00 pm. Please contact Betty at (209) 745-4767 for tickets.



Knights of Columbus

3-15 Fish Fry

3-22 Seafood Chowder

5:30-9pm at the CCC hall

All proceeds to benefit the church



Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

11 de marzo de 2018

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La ira y la misericordia del Señor se manifestaron en el exilio y la liberación del pueblo (2 Crónicas 36:14-16, 19-23)

Salmo — Que se me pegue la lengua al paladar si no me acuerdo de ti (Salmo 137 [136])

Segunda lectura — Dios, rico en misericordia y amor, nos dio vida con Cristo. (Efesios 2:4-10)

Evangelio — Dios nos dio su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en Él tenga vida eterna (Juan 3:14-21)

RESPONSABILIDAD COMUNAL

El pueblo de Dios olvidó la alianza y se burló de las leyes de Dios. No escucharon a los profetas que había entre ellos, los cuales les advertían en nombre de Dios. Los profetas son enviados por Dios para recordarnos por qué estamos aquí, pero muchas veces, incluso en nuestra época, nos burlamos de ellos, los despreciamos y los maltratamos, en vez de escucharlos y agradecerles. El libro de las Crónicas nos cuenta los resultados de estos pecados: la destrucción del Templo y de toda Jerusalén, asesinatos, caos y por último el exilio a una tierra desconocida. ¿Por qué hallamos estos relatos en la Biblia? ¿Están ahí sólo para informarnos lo que les sucedió a nuestros antepasados? ¿Qué bien nos puede traer eso a menos que también haya un mensaje y una advertencia para nosotros? ¿Somos personas que respetan las enseñanzas de Dios, que obedecen las palabras de Cristo en la segunda alianza en su sangre? ¿O continuamos sembrando obras de maldad y violencia? Estas lecturas nos recuerdan que seremos juzgados como pueblo, no sólo como individuos.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

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

Domingo: Jer 31:31-34; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Lecturas alternativas (Año A):

Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Ya tenemos la fecha para la Confirmación para los candidatos, los niños que solamente van a recibir la Confirmación. Va ser el 6 de Marzo 11, a las 6PM.