

**March 17, 2024**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51)

**Second Reading** — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9)

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK - MISAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Saturday**

**4:30pm:** Fortuna+, Freitas+, Sousa Families+  
Maria Spannuth+, Patricia Campbell+

**6:30pm/Spanish:** All Souls+

**Sunday**

**8:00am:** Alicia Andes+, Alan Wallace+,  
Antonio Costa+, Gaspar Rego+

**10:00am/Tony Mello+, Bill Griffin+**

**11:30am/Spanish:** Carlos Zepeda+

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

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**9:00am/(W):** Elidoro Velasquez+

**9:00am/(Thurs):** Geraldo Angel Lara+

**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.**

*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*



**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**



The promise made by the LORD in the first reading is very bold. He says that all people shall know him, without having to be taught by others. He doesn't restrict the promise to only the holiest people: He says that the way people will know Him is through forgiveness of their sins. Remember, he is speaking to the Israelites, who had so many laws and commandments, they needed scribes and Pharisees to keep track of them. When they broke a commandment or law, they were isolated from the community. So the promise that God would place his law in their hearts meant they would be free to do God's will because they want to, not because they were feared punishment or rejection. Jesus says something similar in today's gospel. He tells the disciples that his crucifixion would draw everyone to him. Now, Jesus' death showed that he took on the punishment for sins in place of us, who deserve it. In Luke's gospel he even prays for those who crucified him, asking God's forgiveness. (Lk 23:34) By dying on the cross, Jesus shows how much God loves us. By rising from the dead, he shows that we can rise from sin to a new life of faith and love. Getting back to the first reading, we experience that promise when we bring our sins to God. When we forgive people who have hurt us, we also help them to experience that love. After all, if I can forgive someone, surely God will forgive them. We also help others to know God when we share or experience of being forgiven. Still not sure if God has forgiven you? The sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the assurance of God's forgiveness, as well as the experience. Along with the other sacraments, it helps us keep God's love in our hearts.



All roof work was completed on 2/23/24. City inspection was completed on 2/26/24 with no issues or concerns. 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 \$28,490.63, 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.



**Daughters of Isabella - Annual Scholarship**  
With a goal of promoting academic excellence and spiritual well-being, a scholarship of \$500.00 will be awarded to a high school senior. Please see the Parish Office for your application! Submission Deadline: June 5, 2023 (12 noon)

**Knights of Columbus**  
3-22 Seafood Chowder  
5:30-9pm at the CCC hall  
\*All proceeds to benefit the church\*



**St. Christopher Parish**

**Budgeted Offertory Collection**

<b>Week</b>	<b>1/27/2024</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 6,285.67</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>5,075.00</b>
<b>Over/(Under) Weekly Goal</b>	<b>(1,210.67)</b>
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>176,433.16</b>
<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>164,872.73</b>
<b>YTD Difference</b>	<b>(11,560.43)</b>

**17 de marzo de 2024**

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — El Señor hará una nueva alianza con la casa de Israel. (Jeremías 31:31-34)

**Salmo** — Oh Dios, crea en mí un corazón puro (Salmo 51 [50])

**Segunda lectura** — Cristo aprendió obediencia, y los que ahora le obedecen encuentran en él la salvación eterna (Hebreos 5:7-9) .

**Evangelio** — Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y muere, da mucho fruto (Juan 12:20-33)

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a

Martes: Nm 21:4-9; Sal 102 (101):2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Miércoles: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Jueves: Gn 17:3-9; Sal 105 (104):4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Viernes: Jer 20:10-13; Sal 18 (17):2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Sábado: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Domingo: Mc 11:1-10 o Jn 12:12-16; (procesión) Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 (21): 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Flp 2:6-11; Mc 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

**SALVADOS POR EL AMOR DE DIOS**

Después de que los israelitas quebrantaron la antigua alianza, Dios prometió una nueva alianza, no con la sangre de bueyes y otros animales sino con la sangre del Hijo, Jesucristo. Esta nueva alianza, que Jeremías y los profetas habían anticipado, no sería grabada en piedra ni escrita en papel, sino que se escribiría en el corazón, para que pudiéramos conocer a Dios íntimamente. La salvación no está en obedecer muchos preceptos, sino en el amor de Dios, que está vivo y es real en nuestro corazón gracias al sacrificio de Cristo. Nuestra Eucaristía es la promesa del Cristo que vive dentro nuestro y de nuestra respuesta de alabanza y agradecimiento a Dios por su misericordia, amor y bondad al perdonar nuestros pecados y limpiarnos el corazón de todo mal. Dios extiende esta invitación a la intimidad al ofrecernos la oportunidad de que nuestro sufrimiento se transforme en el amor perfecto del Salvador, que siempre nos amó.



**Hijas de Isabel - Beca Anual**

Con el objetivo de promover la excelencia académica y el bienestar espiritual, se otorgará una beca de \$500.00 a un estudiante de último año de secundaria. ¡Consulte la Oficina Parroquial para su solicitud! Fecha límite de envío: 5 de junio de 2023 (12:00 horas)