

March 18, 2018

Fourth Sunday of LENT

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.

JN 12:24

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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]

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4 p.m.

Adoration : Every Wednesday 830 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

WEDDING: Must be registered in parish and make an initial appointment with the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance of the wedding date.

BAPTISM: Call the office to make an appointment (210) 698-1941. Our Baptism classes will be held on , April 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Seton Hall.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or considering becoming a Catholic? Are you an adult Catholic wanting to prepare for Eucharist and Confirmation? Classes will be held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Please call the office for more information at 210-698-1941.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We ask God to bless all those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them. To have the Ministers of Care pray for your loved one email anna@seaschurch.com or call the parish office at 210-698-1941.



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Mass Intentions & Schedule

8:00 AM	<u>Monday, March 19, 2018</u> Josephine Jan (d) Paula Soto (d)
8:00 AM	<u>Tuesday, March 20, 2018</u> Jose Olivo (d) Special Intention
8:00 AM	<u>Wednesday, March 21, 2018</u> Lena Klein (d) Oswald Kisgen (d)
8:00 AM	<u>Thursday, March 22, 2018</u> Vincent & Emily Ring (d) Pilar De La Cerna (d)
8:00 AM	<u>Friday, March 23, 2018</u> Mark Mulgrew (d) Fidela Castillo (d)
5:00 PM	<u>Saturday, March 24, 2018</u> John Thompson (d) Judy Arkangel Presider: Fr. Kinney
8:00 AM	<u>Sunday, February March 25, 2018</u> Martha Zuniga (d) Presider: Fr. George
9:30 AM	Audrey Ling (d) Presider: Fr. Conor
11:00 AM	Erik Ross Salinas (d) Presider: Fr. Roger
12:30 PM	Oscar Broca (d) Hector Pequeno Presider: Fr. Raul
7:00 PM	Martha Seagriff (d) Presider: Fr. Raul

Scholarships for High School Seniors

St. Joseph's Society & Hope for the Future are offering \$1000 scholarships to incoming high school freshmen. Please register online at <http://eepurl.com/dga5x9> before March 29. Completed applications must be received by April 1. For more info please visit scholarships.stjosephshall.com. Or call 210-224-8279. Monday thru Friday 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm



The Holy Week schedule is available on our website seaschurch.com. It will also be posted in the bulletin next weekend.

Weekly Schedule

<u>Monday March 19, 2018</u>	
9:00 am	Unlocking Mystery /Bible (Seton Hall)
7:00 pm	Unlocking Mystery/Bible (MarronCtr)
<u>Tuesday March 20, 2018</u>	
9:00 am	CDA Rosary Making (Seton Hall)
6:30 pm	Men's ACTS Mtg. (Seton Hall)
7:00 pm	Young Adults Ministry (Marron Ctr)
<u>Wednesday March 21, 2018</u>	
9:00 am &	
7:00 pm	Revelation Study (Seton Hall)
4:30 pm	CDA Officers Mtg. (Seton Hall)
7:00 pm	ACTS Core (Conference RM.)
<u>Thursday March 22, 2018</u>	
5:30 am	TMIY
9:00 am	Unlocking Mystery/Bible (Seton Hall)
6:00 pm	K of C Officers Mtg. (Conference RM.)
7:00 pm	Spanish Choir (Church)
<u>Friday March 23, 2018</u>	
7:00 pm	Lenten Mission /Fr. Roger Keeler
<u>Saturday March 24, 2018</u>	
8:00 am	SVDP Distribution
5:00 pm	2nd Collection: SVDP
<u>Sunday, March 25, 2018</u>	
9:00 am	RCIA (Seton Hall)
All Masses	2nd Collection SVDP

Faith Formation Schedule

<u>Tuesday March 20, 2018</u>	
6:00 pm	Good Shepherd (Marron Ctr)
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Elem. (Marron Ctr.)
<u>Wednesday March 21, 2018</u>	
5:00 pm	Spanish Good Shepherd (Marron Ctr.)
6:30 pm	Edge/Middle School (Marron Ctr.)
<u>Thursday March 22, 2018</u>	
4:00 pm	Good Shepherd (Marron Ctr.)
<u>Sunday March 25, 2018</u>	
9:00 am	Good Shepherd (Marron Ctr.)
9:00 am	Faith Formation Elem. (Marron Ctr.)
10:30 am	Faith Formation Elem. (Marron Ctr.)
10:45 am	Good Shepherd (Marron Ctr.)

Last Weekend's Offertory Collection

\$34,966.55

Thank you for your generosity.



With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember

Remember Our Heroes

Robert Castillo, Peter Greenburg, Roy Vaughn, Matt Pryor, Miguel T. Sotello and Ron Wyble, deployed to Iraq. Bruce Balvin, Luis A. Ramos, Zac Gerner, Jordan Bittner and Anthony Delgado, Jr., Matthew Wilkinson deployed to Afghanistan and Christopher Le Comte in Germany, Zachary Williams in Ethiopia and Mack Peter in Colombia. Austin Reyes in S. Korea.



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

We are now at the fifth Sunday in our Lenten preparation. The focus of the readings turns our attention from the rules we read about during the third week to a new covenant, a new relationship between God and all of us. Jeremiah tells us of God's intention to enter our very hearts, the center of our life. The psalm asks for a "clean heart" so that we are ready to receive the joy of salvation. Hebrews tells us that Jesus too prayed, was made perfect, and became the source of eternal salvation. In John, Jesus explains the contradiction that this new relationship involves: death becomes life. God gives everything to us, including forgiveness. God holds back nothing from us, giving us even the beloved Son, Jesus.

WRITTEN IN STONE

The rules written on the stone tablets given to Moses are easy to remember, if not so easy to follow. Today we learn that the rules are no longer outside ourselves but that God has written them on our hearts. God says, "I will be their God and they shall be my people." We are now bound in a relationship with God and are not just following God's rules. The model for the relationship is Jesus. Jesus, Son though he was, was made perfect through his suffering and became the source of salvation for all of us, who are far less than perfect. Jesus describes this relationship as a grain of wheat, whole unto itself, that falls into the embrace of the earth and is broken in order to produce the life-sustaining wheat.

WRITTEN IN FLESH

When the rules are written on our hearts, we must look within to measure ourselves, to discover what God expects of us. We are not servants. We are God's people. We are not strangers or foreigners. We are God's people. This kind of relationship, like a deep friendship, a marriage, or parent and child, requires a whole-hearted commitment, a willingness to put the lives of others before our own. We share with Jesus such a relationship, a deep longing for God so that our lives have a meaning beyond their measure. Each of our lives is more than a series of experiences, events, accomplishments. Each of our lives embodies in our flesh the work of God that we see incarnated in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This relationship expects more of us than rules. This relationship gives us more than rules. This relationship asks for our life and in return gives us eternal life and salvation.

Today's Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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Congratulations

We congratulate Sister Frances Briseño, our pastoral administrator, on her election as prioress of her Benedictine Community. Since this will be a full-time ministry for Sister Frances, it means she will be leaving our parish. We will miss her dearly and we ask that every blessing be given her as she embarks on this new journey. **We invite you for a reception on Saturday, April 21 at 6pm in the Marron Center.**



Your SEAS St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for supporting our mission. In February we provided food and clothing to 1297 folks in 265 needy families.

Please return your Lenten Food Drive bags to Mass next week or bring them to the parish office.

the season of LENT 2018 *God's Grace Embraces Us*

Please join us on Friday, March 23 at 7 pm for our final Lenten talk with Fr. Roger Keeler as he talks about our Journey through Lent and how that journey can help us in our daily lives even after this Lenten season ends.



Habitat For Humanity

We've had excellent progress on the construction of our Habitat House. Most of the exterior is finished, and we are working inside (out of the weather) as soon as the sheet rockers are done. Please join us if you can (register at seaschurch.com), and continue to pray for the success of this special project. The Excitement is Building!