

**MASS INTENTIONS****SUNDAY - March 19, 2017**8:30 am - **DALE PROBST†** (Shirley Holub)**SOULS in Purgatory†** (Jimmy Ho)11:00am - **Missa Pro Populo** (Mass for the people)**MONDAY - March 20, 2017**8:00 am - **ROYCE HUMPERT†** (Margie Frazier)**SOULS in Purgatory†** (Jimmy Ho)**TUESDAY - March 21, 2017****Liturgy of the Hours****WEDNESDAY - March 22, 2017**

10:15 am - ND School Mass

6:15 pm - **MICHAEL SNOWDEN, Sr. †**

(Gina Snowden)

**MARSHA HILL †** (Jack & Ruth Lavy)**MONICA VU †** (Nancy Berend)**SOULS in Purgatory†** (Jimmy Ho)**THURSDAY - March 23, 2017**8:00 am - **SOULS in Purgatory†** (Jimmy Ho)**Intentions of MICHEL-JON TOLENTINO**

(M/M Davy Tolentino)

**FRIDAY - March 24, 2017**8:00 am - **SOULS in Purgatory†** (Jimmy Ho)**Intentions of ELEANOR EDWARDS**

(M/M Davy Tolentino)

**SATURDAY - March 25, 2017**6:00 pm - **SOULS in Purgatory†** (Jimmy Ho)**FRANK BORJA, Jr.†** (M/M John Kapraun)**Fr. OREN KEY, SJ.†** (M/M John Kapraun)**SUNDAY - March 26, 2017**8:30 am - **JOY HATHAWAY†**

(Jack &amp; Ruth Lavy)

**SOULS in Purgatory†** (Jimmy Ho)11:00 am - **Missa Pro Populo**

(Mass for the people)

**DAILY READINGS****Third Sunday of Lent**

Ex 17:3-7 \* Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 \* Jn 4:5-42

**Monday**

(St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 \* Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

\* Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Tuesday** (Lenten Weekday)

Dn 3:25, 34-43 \* Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday** (Lenten Weekday)

Dt 4:1, 5-9 \* Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday** (Lenten Weekday)

Jer 7:23-28 \* Lk 11:14-23

**Friday** (Lenten Weekday)

Hos 14:2-10 \* Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday** (Annunciation of the Lord)

Is 7:10-14; 8:10 \* Heb 10:4-10 \* Lk 1:26-38

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a \* Eph 5:8-14 \*

Jn 9:1-41

**Welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish****"One Family of Faith"***We are delighted that you have come to worship with us today!**We hope you and your family received a heartfelt Welcome, there is always room for you in our growing parish family. If you come to Mass and tithe at OLQP but have not yet filled out a registration form, you are not yet a member here. If you want to become a member of our parish, please complete a registration form (available in the Narthex and online or simply call the parish office) and return it to the Parish office. If you are just visiting, please know that you are always welcome here. Again, thank you for coming today.***Electronic Offertory Giving with Faith Direct!***Faith Direct* enables your family to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through your Visa, Master Card, American Express or Discover credit cards.With *Faith Direct*, Our Lady Queen of Peace will gain predictable cash flow that will help us with planning our parish needs and programs.Of course, enrollment is voluntary. If you find this program appropriate for your family, please enroll by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll securely on line. Our parish code is **TX420**.**Weekend Contributions**

March 12, 2017: .....\$8,931.44

**Faith Direct - Correction**

February 4: .....\$20,568.61

February 15: .....\$10,611.00

Central/Eastern Church: .....\$455.00

Black/Indian Mission: .....\$430.00

Catholic Relief Services: .....\$734.00

**WE ARE A CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

We sincerely thank our parishioners who give online, mail, bill pay or drop off their weekly donations to the parish office while they are away during the summer. Our parish expenses and obligations are met because you continue to give and support even when you cannot personally be with us at Mass here. Once again we extend our gratitude for your continued faithfulness in supporting Our Lady Queen of Peace parish.

**SUNDAY - March 19, 2017**

(Religious Article Store open after Mass)

6:00 pm - Women - Prayer/HFC

(Rosary &amp; Divine Mercy Chaplet)

6:00 pm - Men - Reflection/SJR

(Rediscover Jesus)

**MONDAY - March 20, 2017**

7:00 pm - Seasons of Hope/CR

**TUESDAY - March 21, 2017**

8:00 am - Liturgy of the Hours

11:00 am - ND Music practice/church

6:30 pm - CDA - Court Queen of Peace/SJR

7:00 pm - NFP/CR

**WEDNESDAY - March 22, 2017**

(Religious Article Store OPEN after Mass)

4:00 pm - Adoration/Church (until 6:30pm)

5:30 pm - Pray the Rosary/Church

7:00 pm - CRHP/SEASR

7:00 pm - Bible Study/SJR

**THURSDAY - March 23, 2017**

7:00 pm - R.C.I.A./SJR

**FRIDAY - March 24, 2017**11:00 am - ND School Stations  
of the Cross/church

1:00 pm - SJR &amp; SMR occupied (until 7 pm)

5:00 pm - Fish Fry /GH

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross/Church

**SATURDAY - March 25, 2017**

(Religious Article Store open after Mass)

4:00 pm - Confessions/HFC (until 5:00pm)

**SUNDAY - March 26, 2017**

(Religious Article Store open after Mass)

9:30 am - 10:45am - Religious

Education Classes

Grades K-6 / NDES - Jr. High / YH

6:00 pm - Women - Prayer/HFC

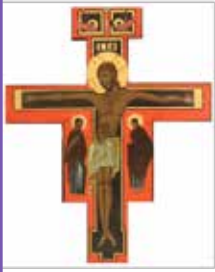
(Rosary &amp; Divine Mercy Chaplet)

6:00 pm - Men - Reflection/TBD

(Rediscover Jesus)

6:00 pm - Heritage Society/SJR

**SJR**-St. Joseph Room; **HFC**-Holy Family Chapel; **GH**-Great Hall; **NDE Cafe**-ND Elementary Cafeteria; **NDHS** - NDHigh School; **CR**-Conference Room; **WR**-Workroom; **BR**-Brides Room; **SCMR**-St. Cecilia Music Room; **SEASR**-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; **SJP2R**-St. John Paul II; **SMR**-St. Matthew Room; **YH** - Youth Hall



**2017 Lenten Parish Mission**  
**March 27 – 28 – 29**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**  
**From 7:00 pm 'til 8:00 pm**  
**Fr. Albert Haase, OFM**



**As early as the 3rd century, Christians started to sign themselves with a cross.** Eighteen centuries later, we continue the practice of making the sign of the cross when we start to pray, when we celebrate the sacraments, and when we enter a church. Done so often and usually out of habit, has this ancient gesture lost its meaning for us?

Over 3 nights, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, will lead us in a parish mission entitled **SIGNED AND SEALED WITH THE CROSS**. We will explore the identity of our God proclaimed in the ancient gesture of being signed with a cross. We will also explore the challenges and responsibilities we accept when we seal our lives with the sign of our salvation.

**WHO IS THE MISSION PREACHER?**

Ordained a Franciscan priest in 1983, Albert Haase, OFM, is a popular preacher, teacher, spiritual director and radio personality. A former missionary to mainland China for over eleven years, he is the author of nine books on popular spirituality and the presenter on four bestselling DVDs. He has trained spiritual directors for ten years.

He resides in Texas. Visit his website at [www.AlbertOFM.org](http://www.AlbertOFM.org)

**Catholic Charities recently started a partnership with First Christian Church** to offer four support/counseling groups geared at helping people move toward healing and family restoration.

Through a partnership with First Christian Church, Catholic Charities Fort Worth offers people weekly counseling-support groups, known as Common Ground Recovery Ministries. A God-centered approach with evidence-based curriculum. Professionally trained counselors and group leaders guide participants to healthier ways of coping and maintaining quality of life. Groups include Parenting Classes, Women CARES, Anger Management, and Addictive Behaviors. Groups meet Tuesdays at 6:00pm at First Christian Church, 3701 Taft Blvd. For details, call 940-642-7021.

**MEN IN CHRIST**

Men of the parish: Do you have a desire to grow as a Christian man? Come join us as we pray, explore Scripture together and support one another in our Christian walk. Meet us in the Parish Office Conference Room each Saturday (except 2nd Saturday of the month) at 7:30 AM. Please call Jack at 696-0741 if you have questions.

**PRAY FOR PRIESTS THIS WEEK**

Listed below are the Priests of our Diocese for whom we are asked to pray for daily.

3/20 - Rev. Msgr. Raymund Mullan	3/23 - Rev. Khiem Van Nguyen	3/25 - Rev. Nghia Nguyen
3/21 - Rev. Brendan Murphy, SVD	3/24 - Rev. Hoa Nguyen	3/26 - Rev. Hoang Minh Nguyen, CMC
3/22 - Rev. Thu Nguyen		

*Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services**  
**March 25 & 26, 2017**

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**Prayer Ministry Team** is available after weekend Mass in the Holy Family Chapel to pray for your personal Intentions. Please enter through the entrance across the Saint Joseph Room.

**Heritage Society** (for those 50+) will meet on Sunday, March 26 at 6:00 pm in the St. Joseph Room. This group meets for potluck and games. For more information call Kevin Connors (940-782-0335).

**PRAY for OUR TROOPS and LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters as they go forth with courage and determination to face the forces of violence, weapons of destruction and hearts filled with hate.

**FREE MASS TIMES APP!** ([masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org))

The Catholic Directory iPhone App is FREE and will quickly find the churches nearest to you, including Mass Times, Web sites, Maps, Directions, Staff, Bulletins, and other important information. Powered by TheCatholicDirectory.com

**ARE YOU REGISTERED AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH?**

Occasionally a letter of reference or recommendation to become a godparent, sponsor, or enroll in school may be needed and the Parish Office will not be able to give you a letter if we have no record of you being a registered parishioner. If you attend Mass here regularly and support our parish, are not registered, please fill out a registration form. Registration cards are available in the Narthex, online: [olqpwf.org](http://olqpwf.org) or you may call the office at [940.696.1253](tel:940.696.1253).

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**Friday's during Lent – 5:00 pm until 6:45 pm**

**In the Great Hall (two serving lines)**

**\$10/Adults - \$5/Children (4-10 yrs. old)**

**Dine in or Take out \* Fried or Baked**

**Includes drink & lots of**

**yummy sides and ice cream.**

**NEW! This Year! CDA Court Queen of Peace is**

**baking and selling "Sweet Yummies"**

**(Pies available by the slice or whole).**

**Please be sure to stop by their table.**

**Intentions of Holy Father, Pope Francis**

**March - Support for Persecuted Christians.**

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

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## ACTIVITIES



### All services begin at 7:00 pm

Monday, March 20 - St. Jude in Burkburnett

Thursday, March 23 - Holy Family in Vernon

Friday, March 24 - Immaculate Conception in Wichita Falls

Monday, March 27 - St. Mary in Windthorst

Wednesday, March 29 - Sacred Heart in Seymour

Thursday, March 30 - Our Lady of Guadalupe in Wichita Falls

Monday, April 3 - Sacred Heart in Wichita Falls

Wednesday, April 5 - St. Joseph in Rhineland

**Thursday, April 6 - Our Lady Queen of Peace in Wichita Falls**

### St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Rhineland, TX) Annual Parish Sausage & Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday - March 19, 2017

11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Cost: \$12 Adults & Take-Out

\$6 Children under 12 yrs. old

To order bulk sausage, please call Billie (940-256-2973) or John (940-256-3113)

The Country Store will also be selling homemade baked good and arts and crafts items.

OLQP is using Flocknote, a Catholic-based communications tool, that will allow us to better send emails and or text messages to you as a whole and also within the various ministries we have here at OLQP. If you are not yet subscribed and would like to, please follow these easy steps:

- Text the word: **peace** to the number **84576**. You will receive a reply asking for you to provide your email address.
- Reply to the text with your email address, you will receive another text saying: *check your inbox*.
- Check your email and follow the link to flocknote and the directions assisting you in creating a password for your flocknote account. Don't forget your password.

(Optional) You will now be enrolled in the OLQP Flock. If you navigate around the flocknote website you will notice that you can subscribe to other lists that you may want to receive updates from. You can also choose your preference in receiving emails or texts.

If in the future your email or number changes, simply log on to flocknote and edit your email and or number.



## SAVE THE DATE

**Sat, 29 April 2017**

**Altar Society's Annual  
Salad Luncheon**

### The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual North Texas Catholic Men's Conference "Salt and Light: Embracing Christ's Love"

April 22, 2017 (8am to 5pm)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (Grapevine, Texas)

All men 18 years or older are invited to attend this event, Hosted by the North Texas Catholic Brothers For Christ. This year, 1,000 men throughout the Dallas and Fort Worth Diocese are expected to attend, so early-bird registration at [www.ntxcmc.org](http://www.ntxcmc.org) is encouraged. The cost is \$45 (includes lunch).

Catholic conference speakers include Fr. Dwight Longnecker; Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, award-winning composer/musician Curtis Stephan; and local speakers.

Attendees will experience a day of fun, food, fellowship, uplifting music, reconciliation, praying the Divine Mercy chaplet, Eucharistic adoration and conclude the day with a community Mass at 5 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is located at 861 Wildwood Lane, just south of the Gaylord Texan Hotel. Visit [www.ntxcmc.org](http://www.ntxcmc.org) for full details.

### GUIDELINES for Infant Baptism

Thank you for wanting to have your child baptized here at Our Lady Queen of Peace. *Prior to the baptism for your child*, we ask that **the family be registered and active participating members of the parish for three months; attend Mass here each week using envelopes (complete with your name and address)**. *If you are not a member of our parish, please provide us with a letter from your pastor giving us permission to baptize your child outside of your home parish.*

*Both the parents and the godparents need to attend the class.* If godparents are from another parish, they can take the baptism class at their local parish and a letter is needed from their pastor stating they have taken the class and are eligible to be a godparent. **The requirements to be a godparent are: (1) must be at least 16 years of age; (2) received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) in the Catholic Church; and (3) be in good standing in the Catholic Church and if married, must be married in the Catholic Church.** *Call the parish office to sign-up.*

## NOTRE DAME NEWS

### ENROLLMENT

[www.notredamecatholic.org](http://www.notredamecatholic.org) or email Matt Ledesma, Director of Enrollment, at [matt.ledesma@ndcswf.org](mailto:matt.ledesma@ndcswf.org).

**NOTRE DAME**  
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**Notre Dame All School Mass: Wednesday's at 10:15am (unless indicated otherwise)**



Refocus,  
re-energize  
and reconfirm  
the purpose of  
your life in  
Christ.

**The Next Christ Renews His Parish  
Renewal Weekend for Women  
June 24 and 25 2017**



**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**



After 49 years of service to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish and Notre Dame Schools, Sister Ginny Vissing, in the spirit of beautiful memories, love, and thanksgiving, will be retiring June 30, 2017.

In 1972, Sister Ginny (Sister Rosalie), began teaching at Notre Dame Elementary School. It has been her passion to teach little children and the ministry that she had prepared for since her own childhood.

Then, taking a "leap of faith", Sister Ginny became the Director of Religious Education of Our Lady Queen of Peace. She had never envisioned working outside of the classroom, but remained open to God's plan for her life. In doing so, God guided her to use her gifts of teaching and music to touch many lives. Here at Our Lady Queen of Peace, we are ever grateful for her gifts of time and love for us.

For 37 years Sister Ginny was our Director of Religious Education; guiding, organizing, and teaching Religious Education on Sundays, Vacation Bible Schools, First Reconciliations and First Communions as well as leading the 11:00 o'clock choir on Sundays and "special celebrations."

We are so thankful for her gifts to us that will always remain a part of our lives.

Sister Ginny, we thank you for the joy that you have given us with your enthusiasm and spirit. May God bless you....always.

**OLQP Men's Club**

Next Meeting: Monday, April 3 at 7pm.

In the St. Joseph Room

Men ages 18 and older are highly encouraged to attend.

There is NO COST to join.



*"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."* —Mother Teresa

Start the Year off Right! Volunteer for one of the many ministries at your very own church! Childcare is just one example of the many fulfilling ministries at Our Lady Queen of Peace. Please call Tammy DuBose @ 696-1253

**INTERFAITH MINISTRIES, INC.**

Please help us to re-stock our shelves! In 2016 we assisted 771 families with food.

Current needs are: Canned beans (NOT green beans), all canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), mixed vegetables, boxed potatoes, jelly. For more information: [www.interfaithwf.org](http://www.interfaithwf.org) or 940-322-1365

Located at 1101 11th Street

FB-page: Interfaith Ministries, Inc.

**Youth Ministry**

**Youth Religious Education Classes** (in the Youth Hall):

**High School** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) Wednesdays 7-9pm

**Middle School** (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Sundays 9:30-10:45am

**Confirmation Mass:** Sunday - May 7, 2017 at 4:00pm



**Next Meeting:** March 21, 2017 at 6:30pm in the St. Joseph Room.

Corporate Communion at the 8:30 am Mass on April 2, 2017 to celebrate the One Year Anniversary of the Institution of Court Queen of Peace. Please sit in pews reserved for Court Queen of Peace.

**OLQP has FORMED.org! 24/7!!!**

OLQP church pays for this so that you can access it for FREE!

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**KID'S CORNER**

**Third Sunday of Lent 2017**

**Sr. Ginny says...**



What a lot of changes  
We see all around.  
From the sky up above  
And things on the ground.

Rain turns to snowflakes,  
And night turns to day.  
Weather is always changing.  
But the weather is here to stay!

Just watch a dead-looking  
chrysalis  
Change to a butterfly.  
It is so beautiful to see  
It fluttering really high.

Trees lose their leaves  
Since winter is so cold.  
But spring brings them back  
In colors very bold!

One day Jesus went up a mountain  
He walked up really high.  
He took three disciples  
And was changed  
before their eyes!

His face shone like the sun.  
His clothes were white as light.  
A voice spoke from a cloud

And the disciples were filled  
with fright.

They heard,  
"This is the Son that I love."  
They then fell down in prayer.  
When Jesus lifted them up,  
They could only look at  
him and stare!

Jesus loves us so much  
He wants to bring us joy.  
He wants to change our hearts;  
Give peace to each girl and boy.

So remember that you're loved,  
And remember you're  
called to pray.  
Remember that Jesus is with you.  
Close-by every day.

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## ADULT FORMATION

### R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

meets every Thursday evening at 7pm in the St. Joseph Room. Come learn more about our Catholic Faith. Childcare is available, please RSVP to the Parish Office @ 696-1253.

**MAR. 23** - The Man born blind and Reconciliation Review

**MAR. 30** - Lazarus; Examen of Consciousness and Overview of the Easter Sacraments

**APR. 6** - The Lord's Prayer Reflection

**APR. 20** - Debrief Holy Week; Last things - Heaven, Purgatory, Hell, Praying for the Dead

**APR. 27** - Social Justice: Part I - Basic Rights shared by all People



### ATTENTION: Married and Engaged Couples

The CrMS is a standardized, scientifically based method of family planning which can be used to avoid or achieve pregnancy in a way that is morally licit. The method is 99.5% effective for avoiding pregnancy, and 98% effective for achieving pregnancy. Creighton Model practitioners specialize in complex charting and medical situations.

The Creighton Model chart is used as the primary diagnostic tool by NaPro TECH-NOLOGY doctors and surgeons. Some conditions that NaPro TECHNOLOGY doctors routinely diagnose and treat include: infertility, miscarriage, hormone problems, PMS, endometriosis, unusual bleeding, and ovarian cysts. These conditions are seen as symptoms of underlying disease. The goal is to restore the woman's fertility health.

Instruction is now being offered in Wichita Falls to couples seeking to avoid or achieve pregnancy, or who are seeking answers to gynecological health problems.

**Introductory Classes: 3/21/17 at 7pm in the Conference Room.**

For more information contact Shirelle Edghill, FCP at 817-845-0249

ShirelleEdghill@gmail.com

or sign up online [www.fertilitycarewichitafalls.com](http://www.fertilitycarewichitafalls.com)

### A prayer for Lent

**"God of all mercy and steadfast love, we do not always live the way you want us to. Forgive us. Help us during this season of Lent to examine how we can be more faithful followers of Jesus Christ, your son. Guide us in our pilgrimage of discipleship. May our words and actions truly reflect your will for us. Amen."**

*The Essential Catholic Prayer Book, Liguori Publications.*

## Young Adults

**940Catholics**, our local Catholic young adult ministry.

Sarah Merlau

281-732-7280

E-mail: [theotap.wftx@gmail.com](mailto:theotap.wftx@gmail.com)

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*Theology on Tap Wichita Falls*

### Divorced and Re-married?

If you are divorced and remarried outside of the Catholic Church without a Decree of Invalidity, or if you are married outside of the Catholic Church, *you may not partake of the Sacraments, including the reception of Holy Communion.* Until it is shown otherwise through the ministry of the Tribunal, no person is free to enter into another marriage without the appearance or occasion of serious sin. A divorce alone would not affect, or hinder in any way, your participation in the Catholic Church. A divorced Catholic is free to receive the sacraments. However, if you are divorced and have remarried, or if you are divorced and in a new relationship, or if you are living with someone without a Decree of Invalidity (and your former spouse is still living) *you may not partake of the sacraments, including the reception of Holy Communion.*

Consider seeking a Decree of Invalidity which will enable you to return to a full participation in the sacramental life of the Church. For more information contact Deacon Jim Bindel at the Church office at 696-1253.

### WorldWide Marriage Encounter

(Dallas-Fort Worth-East Texas)

"Is the LORD in our midst or not?" Let God enhance your marriage by participating a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on Mar. 31-Apr. 2, 2017. Dates fill fast. To apply, visit our website at: <http://www.dfwmw.org/apply>. For more information e-mail [apply@dfwmw.org](mailto:apply@dfwmw.org) or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [emmfw@gmail.com](mailto:emmfw@gmail.com) o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org/>

### Rachel's Corner

*"On that sacred weekend retreat I finally found the peace and healing that I had been longing for over the past 15 years."*

- Rachel Retreat Participant

Call Rachel Ministries. We can help *you* find healing and peace after abortion.

**Rachel Ministries**

**817-923-4757**

**Next Retreat**

**Spanish April 28 - English May 19**

## Enhance your Lenten Journey

**MEN – Reflection: Rediscover Jesus**

6:00 pm (St. Joseph Room)

**WOMEN – Prayer: Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

6:00pm (Holy Family Chapel)

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

### "Pack the Pantry" Project

Items can be brought to Catholic Charities Northwest Campus (907 Holliday Street). Donations by the case or individual welcome. Please be sure items are in their original packaging, not expired and unopened.

The St. Joseph Health Care Trust assists individuals who are medically uninsured/underinsured and who meet eligibility criterion. This includes assistance with prescriptions, dental services, physician visits, and other services. For more information please call Stella at (940) 552-0347. (This program is administered through Catholic Charities, Diocese of Fort Worth.)

## GROWING IN FAITH

### DEAR PADRE

Sometimes a priest at Mass skips (or forgets) the blessing after the Confiteor: “May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.” I learned this prayer is important because it prepares us to receive the Eucharist. Is that correct?

The penitential act at Mass concludes with the priest’s absolution, but it “lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance” (GIRM 51). In The Tridentine Missal, the Confiteor was followed by a version of the formula in use today and a second formula: “May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins.” This second, quasi-absolution is omitted in the current rite, along with the sign of the cross that accompanied it.

Jesus told Simon and his companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8). Often, when entering God’s presence, we are so filled with awe that we become aware of our own sinfulness. Yet our primary purpose in gathering for worship is not to acknowledge our sins but to acknowledge God’s mercy.

Thus, the penitential act exists to unite the faithful as a community and to prepare them to listen to God’s word and to celebrate the Eucharist (GIRM 46).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

sundaybulletin@liguori.org

### Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42

There is a detail in today’s first reading that you shouldn’t miss. After hearing Moses and his people complain, God stands in front of Moses on the rock and asks Moses to strike toward him. God knows the Israelites’ anger directed at Moses is really meant for God himself. God takes the blow and responds with flowing water. He accepts violent rejection and grants us life in return. He exchanges evil for good.

God had already guaranteed the Promised Land, but the Israelites feared to enter it. God had done many miracles for them already, yet they still didn’t trust him. In spite of it all, God understands they strike out of their own dissatisfaction, fear, and interior slavery. In the same way, Jesus knows we will strike out at him, yet he responds with love. Nowhere is this truer than on the cross. Christ allows the soldiers to strike, crown, and kill him, saying, “Father, forgive them...” He is whipped and made to carry a cross, yet he consoles the women of Jerusalem. When his side is pierced, living water flows.

When we complain against God, he offers us mercy and salvation. Rather than blame, assault, or reject, let us do as the penitential act calls—strike our own breast and cry, “I have greatly sinned...Have mercy...” God will respond as he always does, by pouring forth the water of his Spirit which never runs dry into our hearts.

### For Reflection

**What are my usual complaints against God? What responses of mercy does God show me?**

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