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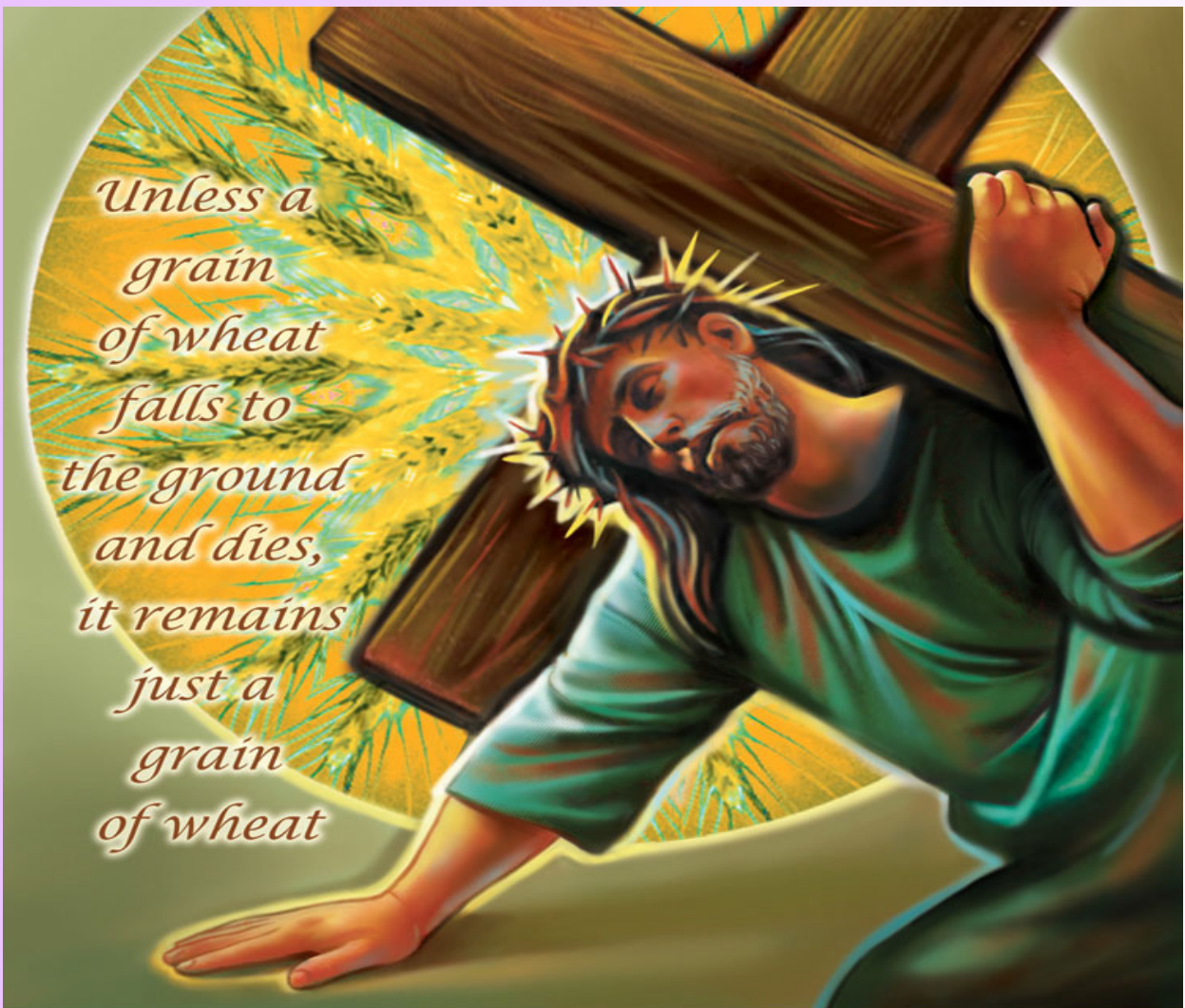
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 2015

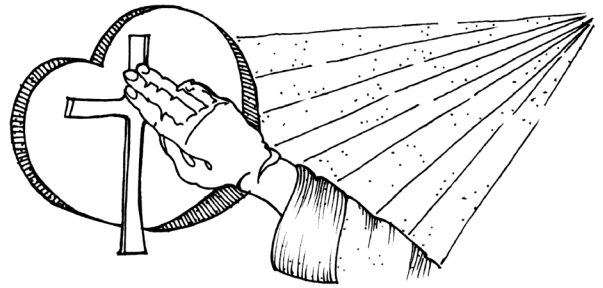


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I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

— Jeremiah 31:33



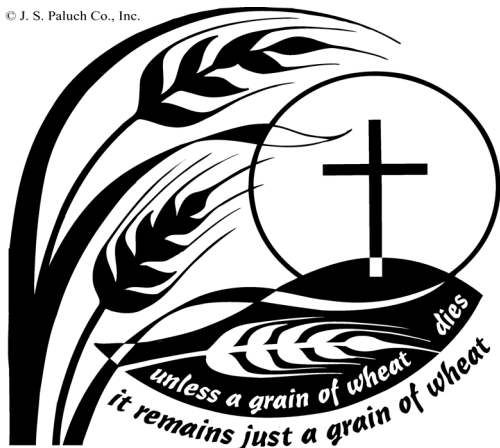
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THE NEW COVENANT

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term “new covenant” he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus the “new covenant” speaks the language of his “new commandment” of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

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ATTENTION.....

Bulletin schedule for Easter:

EASTER SUNDAY - All bulletin items for the April 5 bulletin (Easter Sunday) need to be in the parish office by Thursday, March 26. Thank you!

ST. ANNE ADULT FAITH FORMATION LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY

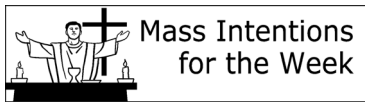
We are a people loved by God! Lent is a perfect time to make the journey toward the divine heart. Embedded in each week’s readings and liturgy during this holy season is a divine summons to come closer to Christ.

All parishioners are invited to participate in weekly scripture sharing where we will have the opportunity reflect on the Sunday Gospel readings that reveal God’s love for us and to respond with our hearts and lives.

Last Sessions will be held on:

Wednesday, 7:45 pm (after the Mass) in the Church:
March 25, Thursday, 9:00 am in the Hall: March 26 .

Together, let us encounter Jesus, growing in faith and love. To know Him is to love Him!



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

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March 21, 2015 - March 28, 2015

Saturday, March 21

5:00 pm + Aida Branal

Sunday, March 22

8:00 am + Joachim & Gertrude Lui

10 :00 am + Simplicio, Jr. & Lydia Sorino

12:00 pm + Pedro Mejia

6:00 pm For the People

Monday, March 23

8:00 am + Edison Cereno

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Wedding Anniversary
Jun & Lou Castro

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 am + Andrew Silva

Thursday, March 26

8:00 am + Remedios Salindong

Friday, March 27

8:00 am + Angel Salindong

Saturday, March 28

8:00 am + Eliza & George Ramilla

5:00pm For the People

Please pray for the sick...

Lita Kayas, Cora Paiso, Grace Chen

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD NAMES AND GIVE A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER SO OUR MINISTRY CAN FOLLOW-UP.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Abstinence



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* *Ezekiel 37:12-14.*

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or Psalm 130.*

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or Romans 8:8-11.*

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

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

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]

LOVE AND DEATH

Unhappy is death
without the love of the Savior;
unhappy is love
without the death of the Savior.
—St. Francis de Sales

LENTEN OBSERVANCE



All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of 18 and 59.

DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is inviting you for their Cenacle prayer **every Friday at 7:00 pm, CR # 104 except for First Friday in the Church. Please come and join us in prayers. If you have any questions, please call: Lou Castro - 510-396-1162, Carmencita Draculan- 510-449-4447, or Diane Domingo- 510-676-9006.



Saint Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet this Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic for our Lenten meeting will be: **"We Journey Into Jerusalem---How and Why?"** Together we will explore John 12: 12-19 Invite and prayerfully consider how we might emulate Jesus' humility and counter-culturalism in the days to come. This is our last Youth Ministry evening before Holy Week and Easter break. There will be an opportunity to experience prayer around the Labyrinth on Monday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. during Holy Week.

The next Youth Ministry meeting will be on Monday, April 13.

St. Anne Spring Youth Ministry Retreat

The dates for the spring Youth Ministry retreat are April 17-19, 2015. Letters will be sent home with all those required to attend the retreat at this week's Youth Ministry meeting.

St. Anne Confirmation

St. Anne Confirmation meets this afternoon (Sunday) at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Youth Mass will follow at 6:00 p.m.

INVITATION - COME AND SEE HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD

Handmaids of the Lord invites single women, single mothers, married, separated, divorced, widows to come and listen to CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM here at St. Anne Church, Rm 103 on the following dates:

March 15, Sunday at 1:00 pm,

March 21, Saturday at 1:00 pm

March 29, Sunday at 1:00 pm

Couples for Christ is a worldwide Vatican-recognized family ministry. Handmaids of the Lord's mission is personal transformation, evangelization of others to a renewed life in the Lord, and service to bring glad tidings to the poor. Please contact Lorraine 510-857-4817, Aurora 510-305-6778 or Onnie (510) 290-1993, for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8627

March 24th – K of C Proclamation by UC Council, 6 pm

March 25th – Regular Business Mtg, 8:00 pm, Rm 104

March 28th – Palm Preparation after 8:00 am mass

March 28th – Easter Egg stuffing at 1:00 pm in Rm 104

April 5th – Easter Egg Hunt after 12 noon mass

For Inquiry about the Knights of Columbus and activities,

Please contact: Pol Marzan, Grand Knight; (510) 566-8259

ST. ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-8)

FIRST COMMUNION

For 133 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes.... **Eucharist: We Give Thanks & Praise** – Our children preparing for First Eucharist will soon be nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, and will be called to "go forth" to love and serve God and each other. In what ways are you called forth to love and serve? Who are those in your life who need your love and care? Please bless our children by your example and by offering encouragement on May 2, their First Communion Day.

RE M I N D E R

2014-2015 FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES & PARENTS

All FC candidates & one parent/adult family member must attend one

EUCHARIST FAMILY GATHERING TUESDAY, MARCH 24 - 4:45p & 6:15p CHURCH



CCD CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Francis Bumanlag:	Rm. 106, Helped Mom.
Matthew Manuel:	Gr. 5, shared my toys.
Shelby Ray:	Gr. 1, did my homework & listened to my parents.
Jerick:	Gr. 2, I went to confession & donated \$.25¢.
Megan Manuel:	I gave a toy to my brother.
Noah Ramirez:	I helped my Mom clean up the books.
Bailey:	Gr. 2, I made breakfast for my family.
Sierra Smith:	Rm. 104, I did my homework.
Ara Karina Benoza:	Gr. 2, I helped my grandma down the stairs.
Ava:	Gr.3, I helped clean the backyard & treasure giving \$1.00.
Shelby Ray:	Gr. 1, I helped clean & listened to my parents.
Renato Limjoco:	Gr. 4, I fixed my bed & treasure giving \$1.00.

Sunday, March 22, 2015

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

Sunday, March 15, 2015	\$11,123.50
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 3,876.50)
Stewardship - Catholic Relief	\$ 1,236.00

Pre-School Assessment Announcement

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and School are conducting a Needs Assessment for a potential Catholic Pre-School to service families in the tri-city area. If you have (or know a family who has) a child between the ages of 2-4, please take a few moments to take this survey by Monday, March 30:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RCHD95Q>

Ensuring that our children have the opportunity to start their faith education from the early years is crucial to our Church's mission of sharing the Good News.

HELP NEEDED....Sisters of the Holy Family

Full and part time help needed. Kitchen helper position available. Duties include dish washing, general cleaning and some food preparation. Experience preferred. Please contact Edgar at 510-624-4590. Position is for the Sisters of the Holy Family in Fremont.

PHILADELPHIA PILGRIMAGE

Tripod Vacations is sponsoring a journey to Philadelphia for a Pilgrimage of the Sacred Shrines, The Festival of Families, and the Papal Mass. The tour includes airfare from San Francisco, hotel, ground transportation, most meals, Sacred Shrines, Festival of Families and the Papal Mass. The tour is September 22-28, 2015. For more information contact Christine Tripod at 510-276-6516 or 510-384-1399.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, March 23

- 8:00 am - MASS, CH**
- 9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH
- 7:30 pm - Lectors, CH
- 7:30 pm - Servites, CR #102
- 7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #4

Tuesday, March 24

- 8:00 am - MASS, CH**
- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CH, CR #102-106
- 7:30 pm - Servites, CR #102
- 7:30 pm - RCIA, CR # 106
- 8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

Wednesday, March 25

- 8:00 am - MASS, CH**
- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CH, CR #102-106, SH
- 6:00 pm - SPRED, CR # 106
- 7:00 pm - Perpetual Help, CH
- 7:30 pm - Music Ministry, Easter Vigil Practice, CR #106
- 7:45 pm - Adult Formation, CR #102, 103, 105, 106
- 8:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104

Thursday, March 26

- 8:00 am - MASS, CH**
- 9:00 am - Adult Formation, CR #104,105&106
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #103-106 & SH
- 6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102
- 7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH
- 7:30 pm - Servites, CR #102 & #103
- 7:30 pm - Music Ministry, CR #105
- 7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106
- 7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, March 27

- 8:00 am - MASS, CH**
- 10:30 am - Lectio Divina, CR #103
- 6:00 pm - Grief Ministry, CR #102
- 6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross, CH
- 7:30 pm - Servites, CR #102

Saturday, March 28

- 8:00 am & 5:00 pm - MASS, CH,**
- 9:00 am - Environment, CH
- 9:30am - Lectio Divina, CR #103
- 12:00 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, CR #103
- 1:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, CR #104
- 1:00 pm - Individual User, SH
- 6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #103
- 6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

Sunday, March 29

- 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm- MASS, CH**
- 10:00 am - Unity Choir, CR #106,
- 12:30 pm - Hand Mail of the Lord, CR #103
- 1:00 pm - Individual User, SH
- 4:30 pm - Children's Choir, CH
- 7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ's passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people's best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain.

Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song hearkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria's letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.

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