

SUNDAY - MARCH 1, 2015

MASS INTENTIONS:

First Friday, March 6 – Day of Abstinence

6:00 p.m. - Living & deceased members of
KJZT #53, Wied
Stations of the Cross after Mass.

Sunday, March 8 – Third Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m. - Anton Bujnoch, Sr.

Friday, March 13 – Day of Abstinence

6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 15 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m. - Living & deceased members of KJT
District #3

Friday, March 20 – Day of Abstinence

6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 22 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m. - Deceased members of S.J. & Annie
Janak, & John & Mary Klekar Families

Friday, March 27 – Day of Abstinence

6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

9:15 a.m. – Julius Hanslik

Good Friday, April 3 – The Passion of the Lord

3:00 p.m.-Veneration of the Cross,
Communion Service

**Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**

9:15 a.m. - Zachary Grafe

Rosary Leaders:

March 8-Ruth Rouse
March 15-Lucille Klekar
March 22-Joyce Janak
March 29-Dorothy Schneider
April 5-Sandy Konvicka

Lectors:

March 8-Dorothy Schneider
March 15-Pat Mladenka
March 22-Dedie Dobbs
March 29-Daniel Matula
April 3-Pat Mladenka
April 5-Dedie Dobbs

Cantors:

March 8-Lucille Klekar-(Choir)
March 15-Richard Rouse

Cantors Continued:

March 22-Laurence Bludau
March 29-Pat Mladenka
April 3-Ruth Rouse
April 5-Choir

Offertory Gift Bearers:

March 8-Anton Bujnoch Sr. Family
March 15-KJT District #3
March 22-Lucille Klekar & Family
March 29-Victor & Katherine Kahanek
April 5-Charles Grafe

Extraordinary Ministers:

March 8-Tony & Joyce Janak, Billy & Bev Hrcncir
March 15-Richard Sommerlatte, Trina Bludau,
Evelyn Konvicka & Pat Pesek
March 22-Edward & Sandra Pustka, Vivian
Mozisek & Carol Rother
March 29-Dedie Dobbs, Joyce Bludau, Leon &
Nancy Etzler
April 3-Evelyn Konvicka, Dedie Dobbs &
Janice Rother
April 5-Billy & Bev Hrcncir, Trina Bludau &
Richard Sommerlatte

Ushers:

March 8-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch
March 15-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert
Urbish & Charles Grafe
March 22-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar
& Sidney Jasek
March 29-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard
Patek & Richard Sommerlatte
April 5-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Altar Servers:

March 8-Jacob & Jules Janak, Kaitlyn Rother
& Kevin Konvicka
March 15-Adam & Ryan Hermes, Ty & Layne
Gerke
March 22-Emilie, Ryan & Wyatt Mudd, Luke
Scherer
March 29-Josh Bludau, Alexus Mizera, Clay &
Blake Rother
April 3-Derek & Kevin Konvicka
April 5-Samuel & Simon Machicek, Michael
& Robbie Perdziak



From the Desk of Msgr. John

I was in Mexico City this past week from Monday to Friday visiting families that I know there. It was a good little break.

We are in the Lenten Season. Let us take advantage of this time to spiritually prepare ourselves for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

During Lent, let us try to pray a little more than usual, giving God a little extra time. Let us fast and sacrifice to make ourselves spiritually stronger. Let us give of ourselves by being extra kind and forgiving and giving to those who are in need physically and spiritually.

We have had St. Mary's Hall leveled and repaired. The skirting around the hall and other repair work is in process.

We are also expanding the St. Mary Cemetery. The area of expansion is being cleared and the additional fencing will take place in the near future.

Applications for Principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School are still being taken. If you are interested or know of anyone interested in this position, please get a resume to me as soon as possible. At this time we have two applicants.

Church Cleaners:

March 7-Vivian Mozisek, Cecilia Opela,
Rita Migl & Edna Wehman

March 14-Doris Mixon & Barbara Jasek

March 21-Glenda Tobola & Mary Jo Bludau

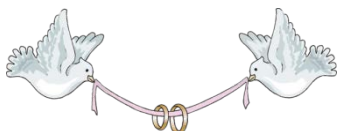
March 28-Helen (Dornak) Janak, Gussie Kelnar
& Helen Janak

April 5-Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother &
Sue Cinadr

Promise of Marriage:

McKenzie Schindler and Jared Krischke on
March 14.

Taylor Zak and Kevin Rainosek on March 28.



MESSAGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anyone interested in making an Easter Flower donation, please do so by placing your donation in an envelope and placing it in the regular collection basket. Donations may be made in memory of your loved one.

KJT District III meeting is set for **Sunday, March 15, 2015**. Mass will be at 9:15 a.m. at St. Mary's for living & deceased members. Registration, brunch and meeting will follow immediately at St. Mary's Hall. Hope to see you all!

The Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas (K.J.Z.T.) District I Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 22, 2015**, at the St. Mary's Parish Hall. Society #3 St. Mary's and Society #53 Wied will host the event. Mass at 9:15 a.m. Registration at 10:30 a.m. with the Junior Program and Memorial Service at 11:15 a.m. followed by a catered meal will be served at noon during the meeting. Members please RSVP by March 15th to Deberah Konvicka @ 798-5470, Katherine Kahanek @ 798-2995 or Dorothy Schneider @ 798-5644. Thanks! Dorothy Schneider

KJZT #53 Wied will hold their quarterly meeting on **Friday, March 6, 2015** after the 6:00 p.m. First Friday Mass. The mass is for the living & deceased members of the society. District I meeting will be discussed.

Thanks! Katherine Kahanek

To set the mind
on flesh
is death,
but to set
the mind
on the
Spirit
is life
and peace.
Romans 8.6

Financial Report

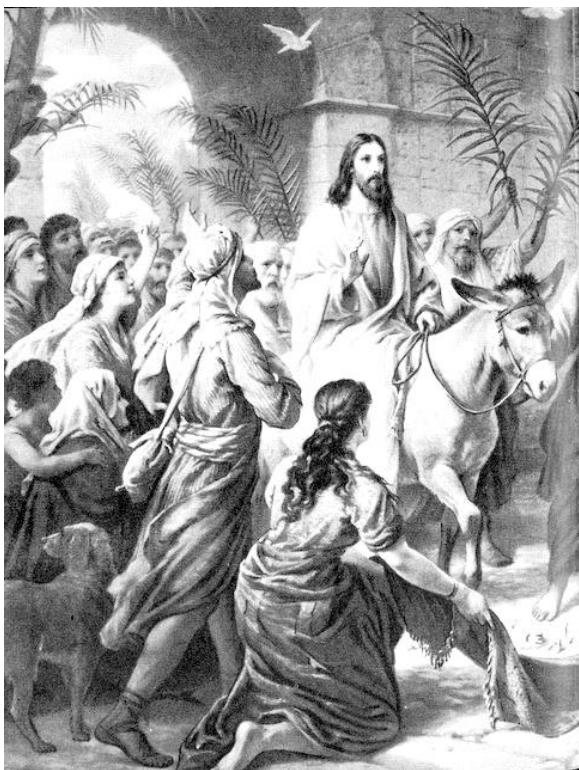
Income

Sunday Collection.....	\$5,328.05
Children's Collection	164.00
Church in Latin America	10.00
Aid to Church	10.00
Memorial.....	30.00
Rice Bowl	217.60
Pictorial Directory	<u>162.00</u>
	\$5,921.65

Expenses

Hall.....	\$2,287.70
Utilities.....	881.53
Maintenance.....	150.00
Office.....	355.00
Administration.....	357.00
Health Insurance.....	406.00
Pension Fund	94.00
Church.....	50.00
D. of V ./Latin America.....	50.00
Church.....	<u>157.50</u>
	\$4,788.73

Beginning Balance.....	\$54,727.12
Income.....	5,921.65
Expenses.....	<u>4,788.73</u>
Balance.....	\$ 55,860.04



Dear Lord,

We are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days.

We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert.

Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin.

Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace.

Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification.

Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities.

Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us.

Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over.

Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning.

Amen.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



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March 2015

Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Agnes of Bohemia

Imagine refusing marriage proposals from not one but two kings and the Holy Roman Emperor. For Agnes, daughter of Queen Constance and King Ottokar I, none but the King of Heaven could win her heart. In 1236, after financing the construction of a Poor Clare monastery in Prague, she entered this monastery with seven other noblewomen. Agnes became known for prayer, obedience and mortification. She turned her back on her fortune and embraced poverty and kindness.



Year of Consecrated Life

Pope Francis declared this the Year of Consecrated Life. Celebrate the Church's treasure of those in consecrated life. (See www.usccb.org for details.)

"Dear brothers and sisters, may (the) Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution, the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ."

Pope Francis



Follow the Holy Spirit to Heaven

During Lent, Catholics everywhere sharpen their consciences to prepare for Easter. As temples of the Holy Spirit, it is critical that we keep ourselves in mint condition. Nevertheless, even the most diligent caretaker can miss something. Fortunately, we have the Holy Spirit to assist with our Spring tune-up.

Give God full attention.

Whether it's by meditating on the limitless nature of his love, or by making sacrifices like turning off music or TV to better hear the whispering of the Holy Spirit (1 Kings 19:12), occasional silence is essential to learn how the Holy Spirit wants to work in our lives.

Read love letters from the Lord. Since

humans were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write the Bible, studying it is like having a conversation with the Lord. What better way could there be to strengthen our relationship with him than by reading and meditating on his very words?

Open the floodgates of grace. Growth in our relationship with God comes through grace. For example, we obtain grace by receiving him in the Eucharist at Mass, or

obtaining guidance and forgiveness from him in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The means by which we may receive grace are endless. The Holy Spirit guides the Catholic Church, so it makes sense to make the Holy Spirit our guide, too.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Jesus, "Lord"?

The word "lord" refers to someone having power or authority. When we call Jesus, "Lord," we acknowledge his power over sin and death as evidenced by his Crucifixion and Resurrection. We dedicate ourselves to his service.



"The New Testament uses this full sense of the title 'Lord' both for the Father and...for Jesus, who is thereby recognized as God himself" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #446). Therefore, Christians bend our knees to him as our Lord and no one else.

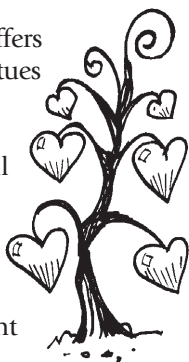
Accept your gifts from the Holy Spirit

To guide us in our spiritual growth, the Holy Spirit offers us gifts of sanctifying grace. These gifts perfect basic virtues that will lead us to Heaven. When properly used, we stay focused on God.

Wisdom: This gift helps us stay focused on God's will and his plan for us.

Understanding: Lets us grasp truths. It means seeing with the heart, not just the mind.

Counsel: Also called "right judgment," counsel enables us to weigh all the alternatives to make the right choice.



Fortitude: The ability to remain firm against all pressures. (Also called courage.)

Knowledge: A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path.

Piety: Helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve him.

Fear of the Lord: The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect him and all his creations.

Accepting these gifts means identifying and using them. Just don't forget to call on the Holy Spirit for guidance when you do.

from Scripture

Mark 14:1-15, 47, Make Jesus' Passion our own.

It is important to recall the events of Jesus' Passion. It is even more important to share in his suffering and great love during his Passion.

St. Paul said, "We hold this treasure in earthen vessels ... always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body" (2 Corinthians 4:7-10).

He means that everything that happens in our lives – the good and the bad – can be part of our bond with Jesus.

Every day our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness, our temptations, can

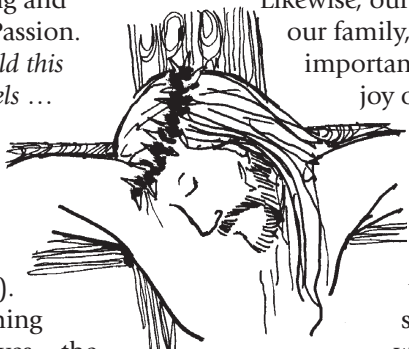
become ways in which we share in the suffering and death of Christ.

Likewise, our joys, our good health, our family, our friends, are all important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection. The

point is to offer everything to Christ.

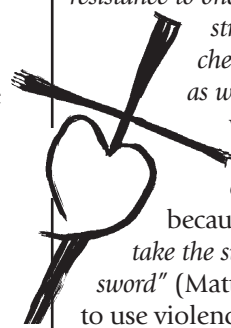
St. Alphonsus wrote, "We should consider not so much the sorrows Jesus suffered as the love with which he bore

them." Disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did and can share in his joy of Resurrection.



Q & A Are Christians required to be pacifists?

Jesus told his disciples, "... offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well" (Matthew 5:39). He



wanted his disciples to strive for peace when confronted with violence because he knew that "all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (Matthew 26:52). We are never to use violence to solve problems.

That doesn't mean, however, that we are required to stand by while others attempt to deny either the individual citizen or particular governments fundamental rights, including that of self-defense. War can be morally justified as a last resort but we should do everything possible to avoid war before it starts.

Certainly Christians must speak out against acts that provoke war. Too, we are required to fight racial, ethnic and religious discrimination. Better still, when we fight injustice, we actually work to promote peace. That's the Christian way. In fact, Jesus turned the violence of the Cross into the ultimate act of love.

Feasts & Celebrations

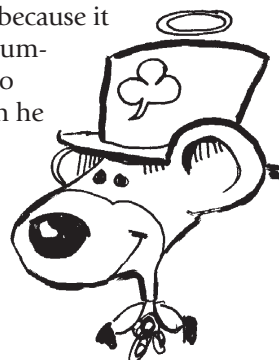
March 9 – St. Frances of Rome (1440). Although she preferred a life of service, Frances' parents selected a nobleman as her husband. She and a new sister-in-law formed a society of women to serve the poor. Frances continued to honor her family and serve the poor.

March 17 – St. Patrick (493). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned as bishop of Ireland and is credited for establishing the Church there.

March 23 – St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

(1606). A brilliant scholar, he was working as a professor when chosen to lead the archdiocese of Lima in Peru. He was ordained priest and bishop and worked to strengthen his diocese.

March 29 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. The Sunday before Easter is called Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion because it recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. It marks the beginning of Holy Week.



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