

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

03/17/2024

Presentation of Our Lady

Church



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Presentation of Our Lady Catholic church, are inspired by the holy spirit to live out Christ's commandments by showing love to ALL people, though the gifts God has given each of us. We commit ourselves to the virtues of faith, hope and love by worshipping God, in word and sacrament. Strengthened by God the Father, we shall strive to live out the Gospel in serving the needs of our parish faith family and the global community.



*Father,
glorify Thy Name.*
John 12:28

Sunday Masses
8:30 am (English)
10:30 am (Bilingual)
12:00 pm (Spanish)
5:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Saturday Mass
4:30 pm (English)
Weekday Masses
Monday-Friday
8:00am (Bilingual)

For Religious Education, Adult inquirer's classes, Baptism classes, or Marriage preparation call the Parish office for more information.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH OFFICE

695 Julian St.

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Mon.- Fri. 8:30 am to 12:00 p.m
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Presentation of Our Lady Off.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please register as a member of the parish. Forms are always available at the church entrance or at the parish office. Return forms to an usher or the parish office.

Moving?

Please notify the parish office.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

Anointing of the sick
Last Rites
Please call
720-473-9053 anytime

You need confession, spiritual guidance, or just talk? Call the office to schedule your appointment.

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Following Jesus to Glory

March 17th, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent.

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” The celebration of the Lord’s Passion is near, and the Church invites us to meditate on this Gospel. Jesus is on His way to be glorified but He has to go through the Cross. Indeed, the Cross is the beginning of His glorification and elevation. The Gospel says that from this height, He will draw everyone to Himself.

Today, Jesus makes something very clear for all of us. We are called to be where He is. “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will be my servant.” We are not to be mere spectators of the Paschal Mystery ; we are to celebrate. On the contrary, Jesus is calling us to participate in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection as actors. It is necessary to partake in the Fight so that we partake in the Victory.

Right now, you are thinking that I’m crazy. The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus is something that happened a long time ago. Now, Jesus is risen, He is in Heaven, and Fr. Israel doesn’t know it yet. He is out of his mind. Probably, you are correct to a point, but I’m right about what I’m teaching today.

We are celebrating the Eucharist. The Mass is the Sacrifice of Jesus. It makes present that very same sacrifice at Calvary. It is not some figure of speech or some manner of speaking. Faith teaches us that every Mass makes us contemporaries of Jesus’ Paschal Mystery. Then, how can we follow Jesus? In reality, it is very simple. We are to offer up in every Mass the whole of our lives.

Jesus is the Head of the Church, the sacrament of Baptism makes us members of the Church, and therefore, members of Jesus’ Body. We are to be one with Him. Jesus wanted to give His sacrifice to us in the Eucharist so that we can also be one with Him in His offering to the Father. In every Mass, we can unite our own sacrifice with Jesus’ sacrifice, and we can offer both as only one offering.

Bearing this great mystery in mind, we can now think about the image of the grain of wheat with a new light. Jesus is talking to us in the present tense. We are called to imitate Him. He is the grain of wheat in His own example. For that reason, the imitation and following of Christ implies dying with Him so that we can produce much fruit with Him.

But, what is the meaning of this death? Are we called to commit a collective suicide so that we can die and bear fruit? Of course not. Jesus explains this point later: “Whoever loves his life loses it.” What kind of love is Jesus talking about? He is talking about selfish love, that is to say, the love of one’s self to the point of despising God. It is a disordered love, and it is the origin of every sin. If we follow the path of that sinful love, we are lost. That is the way to Hell in the afterlife and also the path to a sad, unfruitful life on this Earth. There is no lasting joy within that lifestyle. On the contrary, that kind of sinful love leads us to frustration and solitude. Our selfishness separates us from God, from our neighbor, and I dare to say, even from our own authentic selves. We genuinely are who we are in God’s Mind and in God’s Plans. Our true identity is our supernatural vocation. When we live outside of God’s plans, we ruin our own being.

Conversely, “whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.” Jesus is speaking here about hating. What are we to hate? Let us not be confused. The intent is not to despise life itself nor who we are. The point, in turn, is precisely to find out who we really are. For that purpose, we are to hate our sins, especially that disordered self-love, as if we were gods and the center of the universe. The death of this old man is a necessary condition for truly loving God above all things and for loving our neighbor as God wants us to love them.

In this life, charity is a sacrificial love. It is impossible to have real charity and not desire to share in the Lord’s Sacrifice. Before the sins of the world, the authentic disciple of Jesus decides to offer himself up for the salvation of sinners. That means to take upon our own selves the sins of others, to bring those sins here to this altar, and to offer ourselves along with Jesus.

This love is at the heart of the new Covenant that God wants to establish with us, of which we have heard in the first reading, and for which we have prayed in the psalm. The new law Jesus brought is that love written within us, upon our hearts. It is the life of the Spirit of Jesus, that is to say, the Holy Spirit within us. Of course, we could not love in the way Jesus did without the supernatural aid of God. We need to be cleansed of our sins and renewed by the Holy Spirit so that we can taste the joy of our salvation.

The world needs to see us Christians crucified with Jesus. Only from the heights of the Cross can people be attracted to salvation. Perhaps we are very worried about the mission of the Church, and probably we think that we have to devise a new method for evangelizing in our times. All of that is accidental. The essential method to attract people to the Church and to God has been devised by

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Jesus a long time ago. If we have failed to fill churches in our own time, I don't think that is due to the changes of the times or to the lack of the proper method. I am sure that it is due to my personal lack of charity. What do you think about your personal charity? Are you crucified with Christ? Do you love as Jesus loves? Do you offer your whole life in every Mass as a living sacrifice? Do you find the meaning of everything in your life, your joys and your sufferings, at this altar?

Let us ask the Lord that we may prepare our hearts well to live the celebration of the Paschal Mystery as a renewal of our spiritual lives.



Day	Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Sat.	Mar. 16	4:30 p.m.	† David Lopez Jr	Dolly Lopez
Sun.	Mar. 17	8:30 a.m.	† Delfina Martinez	Martinez Fam.
		10:30 a.m.		
		12:00 a.m. Spanish	† Heriberto Ortega	Family, Wife & Children
		5:00 p.m. Spanish	For the Health of Soledad Villaseñor	Vallejo Family
Mon.	Mar. 18	8:00 a.m.		
Tues.	Mar. 19	8:30 a.m.		
Wed.	Mar. 20	8:00 a.m.	For all our Parishioners living and † deceased	
Thur.	Mar. 22	8:00 a.m.		
Fri.	Mar. 22	8:00 a.m.		

Presentation of Our Lady Offertory Weekend of Mar. 9 & 10, 2024.

4:30 Regular Collection Mass \$479.11
4:30 Second Collection Mass \$73.00

8:30 Regular Collection Mass \$513.15
8:30 Second Collection Mass \$73.48

10:30 Regular Collection Mass \$696.24
10:30 Second Collection Mass \$129.34


12:00 Regular Collection Mass \$998.65
12:00 Second Collection Mass \$228.00

5:00 Regular Collection Mass \$408.00
5:00 Second Collection Mass \$49.00

Regular Collection Total: \$3,095.15
Second Collection Total: \$552.82

Candles Total: \$131.00
Special needs Total: \$60.00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



STARTING FEBRUARY 16, 2024
EVERY FRIDAY IN THE CHURCH
6PM BILINGUAL THROUGHOUT LENT

Join us before the stations of the cross at 5pm

FRIDAY

HOLY ROSARY



SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

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Mujeres Fitness
 Ven Diviertete y Ejercitate al Maximo!
 Instructora: **Mary**
 of Mariela Hernandez
 Te Gustaria una Clase GRATIS? Visitanos para mas detalles.
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HOLY WEEK
 FATHER, FORGIVE THEM BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING (LK 23,24)
HOLY THURSDAY ~ THE LAST SUPPER AT 6:00PM BILINGUAL

GOOD FRIDAY ~ LITURGY OF THE WORD AT 6:00PM BILINGUAL

HOLY SATURDAY ~ EASTER VIGIL AT 6:00PM BILINGUAL

MARCH THURSDAY 28TH, FRIDAY 29TH, SATURDAY 30TH
PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY CHURCH
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ROSARIO VIVIENTE EN ESTA CUARESMA DIOS QUIERE TOCAR TU CORAZON!!!

VIVE UNA EXPERIENCIA UNICA E INOLVIDABLE

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