

# St Joseph Catholic Church



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come.  
— 2 Corinthians 5:17

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COME TO LIFE AGAIN;

he was lost, and has been found.

— Luke 15:24

## Welcome to Visitors & New Members

You are welcome to worship with us at any time. If you are new to the Randolph County area, may we invite you to register as a member of the parish. Registration forms are available in parking lot vestibule or by calling the office.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Saturday/Sábado

1:00pm-3:00pm

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA**  
**FIRST FRIDAY/ PRIMER VIERNES 9AM- 5AM**

### Mass Schedule/ Misas

Saturday/Sábado: 4:00 PM English

6:00 PM Spanish

Sunday/ Domingo: 7:00 AM Español

9:00 AM English

12:00 PM Español

4:00 PM Español

Weekly Masses/ Monday and Friday 8:15 AM

Misas entre semana Wednesday 6:00 PM

Thursday 7:00 AM

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## From the Pastor's Desk / Del Escritorio del Padre

The following reflection is from a forwarded social media posting in another language.

According to this report praying is a losers game. In spiritual life there is a challenging principle that we win by losing. A very regularly praying and a devout lady was asked by a curious person about what did she gain due to her continuous prayers to God. The woman replied very humbly that she did not gain anything due to her regular prayers, instead she claimed that she had to deal with a lot of losses due to her regular prayers to God.

The following were few of her losses:

She claimed that due to her regular prayers she had a steady decline in her self grandiosity.

She had noticed that pride was waning steadily.

Greed was slowly disappearing.

Her quick temper and angry retorting nature is being lost.

My dirty cravings are disappearing.

Lost the joy of lying even for small talk.

The once relished taste for sin is lost.

My impatience and despair are lost.

In spite of all these losses, nobody can dissuade me from praying.

She gives us the secret philosophy of her prayer life: we pray often not to gain anything but to lose that which are obstacles to the growth of our spiritual life, for a strong bonding and a personal intimacy with God.

Prayer teaches us

Prayer strengthens us

Prayer heals us

Prayer is the Chanel that connects us directly with God. Thus prayer becomes the most cherished personal experience where we progressively make more space for God in our hearts and lives which has a transforming impact on our human behavior. We find joy to lose things that are not good for our spiritual life.

During the Lent we renew the habit of praying regularly, individually and as a family together. We encourage children to develop the habit of praying and thereby become better persons.

God bless you all

La siguiente reflexión es de una publicación de redes sociales reenviada en otro idioma.

Según este informe, la oración es un juego de perdedores. En la vida espiritual hay un principio desafiante de que ganamos cuando perdemos. Una persona curiosa le preguntó a una dama muy devota y que oraba con mucha frecuencia qué ganaba debido a sus continuas oraciones a Dios. La mujer respondió muy humildemente que no ganaba nada, sino que por el contrario tuvo que lidiar con muchas pérdidas debido a la oración.

Las siguientes fueron algunas de sus pérdidas:

Afirmó que debido a sus oraciones regulares, tuvo una pérdida en su propia grandiosidad.

El orgullo disminuyó terriblemente.

La codicia estaba desapareciendo lentamente.

Su mal temperamento y su naturaleza enojona se están perdiendo.

Los antojos del pecado están desapareciendo.

Perdió la alegría de mentir aun en lo pequeño.

El gusto al pecado se ha ido muriendo.

Mi impaciencia y desesperación se han marchado.

A pesar de todas estas pérdidas, nadie puede disuadirme de orar.

Ella nos da la filosofía secreta de su vida de oración: oramos a menudo no para ganar nada sino para perder lo que es un obstáculo para el crecimiento de nuestra vida espiritual, para un vínculo fuerte y una intimidad personal con Dios.

La oración nos enseña

La oración nos fortalece

La oración nos sana

La oración es el Canal que nos conecta directamente con Dios. Así, la oración se convierte en la experiencia personal más preciada donde progresivamente hacemos más espacio para Dios en nuestro corazón y en nuestra vida, y transforma nuestro comportamiento humano. Encontramos alegría al perder lo que no es bueno para nuestra vida espiritual.

Durante la Cuaresma renovamos el hábito de orar regularmente, individualmente y en familia. Animamos a los niños a desarrollar el hábito de la oración y así convertirse en mejores personas.

Dios los bendiga a todos

The book of Joshua tells of the Israelites coming into the Promised Land, where they no longer needed to be fed with manna as in the desert.

They had been wandering much longer than expected because of their unfaithfulness. But now they are forgiven, and so celebrate the Passover with food from the land. Then we hear the Gospel parable about another feast. This one is also a celebration of forgiveness, for the prodigal son has returned to his father, and the father's forgiveness shows us how willing God is to forgive us. That's where we end the parable, right?

Wrong. The parable continues with the older son's complaint about a feast for his brother. That son cannot forgive his brother and is angry at the father for welcoming the prodigal back. This is where we come in. Most of us have no trouble asking God's forgiveness. But we may have trouble forgiving others. We are so used to thinking in terms of justice that we are not satisfied with forgiveness. When I have been hurt, I feel like hitting back.

So we have to ask ourselves whose idea of justice we live by. Is it the human expectation of an eye for an eye? Or is it God's justice, which is mercy and forgiveness? When someone cuts you off in traffic, do you feel like firing the photon torpedoes, or offering forgiveness? The Golden Rule could be "Forgive others as you would be forgiven." Jesus gave his life for the sins of the world. Do we have the right to ask for more?

## MASS SCHEDULE: Week of 3/20/2022

- Mon 3/28 8:15am St Joseph's Honor And Intentions by Albert Hodges
- Wed 3/30 6:00pm †Zotero Perez & Josefina Benitez by Familia Perez Mejia
- Thurs 3/31 7:00am St Joseph's Honor And Intentions by Albert Hodges
- Fri 4/1 8:15am
- Sat 4/2 4:00pm †Lois & Leo Dulac by Dulac Family  
6:00pm †Eva Ramirez & Rosario Herrera by Araceli Ramirez
- Sun 4/3 7:00am  
9:00am  
12:00pm †Almas del Purgatorio by Cecilia Arellano  
4:00pm



*Saturday 1:00PM-3:00PM*

"I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.'"

Luke 15:18-19

## BIRTHDAY LIST

- 3/28 Lizet Alvarado, Jacqueline Cruz Ugalde, Peggy Harrelson, Fran Noel Juarez, Raquel Sandoval
- 3/29 Melany Alejo Aguilar, Teresita de Jesus Flores Fernandez, Catherine Frank, Miguel Perez, Loreto Santaolaya
- 3/30 Marcelina Cruz, Orram Jesus Delgado, Yvette Gomez, Eloina Molina, Juan Pena, Patrick Louie Piansay
- 3/31 John Flores, Valentina Lagunes, Apolinar Martinez, Jacob Ortiz, Maria Lorena Osorio, Apolinar Vazquez
- 4/1 Wilking Gerardo Arias Vargas, Ana Cristina Calderon, Paulina Gigliotti, Sheila Hornyak, Rafael Parra, Juan Romero, Jairo Vazquez Huerta
- 4/2 Haven Gordon, Elizabeth Guzman, Mario Juarez, John Poupore
- 4/3 Ismael Bringas, Elizabeth Cortes, Daniel Escutia, Ronner Gamez, Fernando Martinez, Hanh Tang, Juan Pulido, Victor Santiago



**Have a Very Blessed Birthday**

## Station of the Cross Schedule

*Every Wednesday During Lent*

After the At 6:00 pm in English

**\*\*Every Friday During Lent\*\***

After the 8:15 am Mass in English

5:30pm Faith Formation, Children, Confirmation Class and Youth

7:00pm Spanish

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 3/13/2022

Offertory: \$4,741.00

## TODAY'S READINGS

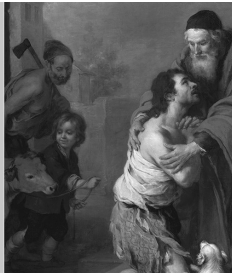
**First Reading** — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land  
(Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord  
(Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** — We are now ambassadors for Christ  
(2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life  
(Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 34-38].

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of  
**LENT**



## READINGS OF THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b;  
Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;  
Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12;  
Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;  
Jn 8:1-11;

*Alternate readings (Year A):*

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — El pueblo de Dios entra a la tierra prometida (Josué 5:9a, 10-12) o 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Salmo** — Gusten y vean qué bueno es el Señor  
(Salmo 34 [33]) o Salmo 23(22).

**Segunda lectura** — Ahora somos embajadores de Cristo  
(Corintios 5:17-21) o Efesios 5:8-14.

**Evangelio** — Debemos celebrar cuando nuestro hermano se arrepiente y vuelve a la vida  
(Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32) o Juan 9: 1-41 [1, 6-9, 34-38].

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Lunes:** Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b;  
Jn 4:43-54

**Martes:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
Jn 5:1-16

**Miércoles:** Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14,  
17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Jueves:** Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23;  
Jn 5:31-47

**Viernes:** Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Sábado:** Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12;  
Jn 7:40-53

**Domingo:** Is 43:16-21; Sal 126 (125):1-6;  
Flp 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;

*Lecturas alternativas (Año A):*

Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129):1-8;  
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27,  
33b-45]

Este hijo mío estaba muerto

Y HA VUELTO A LA VIDA,

*estaba perdido y lo hemos encontrado.*

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Friday:** First Friday; Abstinence;  
April Fool's Day

**Saturday:** St. Francis of Paola; First Saturday

## LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACION

**Domingo:** Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

**Viernes:** Primer viernes; Abstinencia;  
Día de los Inocentes

**Sábado:** San Francisco de Paola; Primer sábado

## ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

### **Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma**

Señor Dios, que por tu Palabra  
realizas admirablemente la reconciliación  
del género humano,  
concede al pueblo cristiano  
prepararse con generosa entrega  
y fe viva a celebrar las próximas fiestas  
de la Pascua.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,  
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad  
del Espíritu Santo  
y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

### **Reflexión:**

¿Cómo me preparo para celebrar la Semana Santa? ¿Hay algo más que pueda hacer?

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

O God, who through your Word  
reconcile the human race to yourself in  
a wonderful way, grant, we pray,  
that with prompt devotion and eager faith  
the Christian people may hasten  
toward the solemn celebrations to come.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### **Reflection:**

How am I preparing myself for the celebrations of Holy Week? Is there more that I can do?



## **PERDIDO Y ENCONTRADO**

La parábola del padre y sus hijos es una de las más conocidas de todas las historias de Jesús. El padre de la parábola es espléndido en el perdón y se deleita con el regreso de su hijo menor, el que estaba perdido y ahora lo ha encontrado. El hijo mayor también está perdido; perdido por su negación a perdonar, perdido por su incapacidad para comprender el espíritu generoso de su padre. Los israelitas pasaron muchos de los años perdidos en el desierto, buscando la tierra de leche y miel, pero muchas veces fracasaron para buscar al Dios que los liberó y alimentó. Nosotros también algunas veces estamos perdidos. Perdemos de vista al Señor y a sus caminos. Sin embargo, Dios nunca nos pierde de vista. Dios espera, listo para que volvamos a entrar en razón, listo para recibirnos de nuevo con los brazos abiertos.

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## **LOST AND FOUND**

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



### † Sacraments †

**\*\*Sacrament of Baptism**—Baptism is a highly sacred event and deserves careful and complete readiness. Please contact the church office (336-629-0221) to register for the Baptism Preparation Class, which is done on a regular basis. Parents must be registered and participating members of our parish community

**\*\*Sacrament of Marriage** - Couples should contact the Pastor (336-629-0221) at least 6 months prior to the wedding date for necessary preparation.

**\*\*Ministry of the Sick**— Please call the church office (336-629-0221) to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a family member. Federal Privacy Law prohibits the hospital from giving room numbers, so we must have prior knowledge of a patient's room number before we visit the hospital. The Sacrament of Anointing is done upon request prior to surgery or a illness.



**\*\*Prayers for our Military**—please call the office (336-629-0221) to notify us of their Military Status

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*Out of respect for the Liturgy in which we partake, please turn off or mute all cell phones and pagers as you enter the Sanctuary of Our Lord. If your Children are acting up, please take them to the cry room in order not to disrupt the liturgy for others.*

### K O C Fish Fry

April 8th

5pm to 7pm

\$10 include Fish, French Fries,  
Hush Puppies and Coleslaw

Calling all young men ages 10-18. Are you looking to grow in your faith, learn to become a community leader, or help your community and church all while having fun with other Catholic young man? Well, the Columbian Squires are looking for new members. The Columbian Squires is part of the Knights of Columbus family. For more information please have a parent contact Grand Knight Jason Kroeger at 336-301-4418



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

\*The Knights are looking for new members to join their brotherhood. If interested please contact the church office and a Knight will return your call



### COLUMBIETTES:

The St. Joseph Columbiettes – Auxiliary 10891 would like to extend an invitation to all the ladies of the parish to join our organization. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact the church office. A current Columbiette will return your call.



# Your brother was lost, but now he is found

### PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES

Please take a moment to pray for our parishioners needs, Illness, persona problems and our young men serving our country:

Christopher Gardner, Lillian Hazelwood, Colleen Greene, Flora Smith, Gary Hutchins, Jose Espiallet, Monica Smith, Patrick Guarion, Raphael Gurriel, Josefina Arellano, Laurie Wills, JR Newsome, Mary Matthews, Sara Dunmeyer's daughter, Donald Hills, Robert Barker, Mary Poremba, Sharon Derosi, Chester Devarney, Ernest Devarney, Albert Trapani, Luis Saavedra, Don Troup, Phyllis Morrison, Harry Chriscoe



Military: Adolfo Angel Vasquez, Matthew Bryant, Angela Salinas Ruiz, Manuel Salinas Ruiz

Seminarians & Religious: Jose Palma, Kevin Martinez, & Jessica Palma

# SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Thomas Aquinas surpassed all his fellow students in learning and virtue. He entered the order of St.



Domenic against his parents wishes and perserverd in his vocation. He studied under St. Albert the Great and at age 22 began teaching and publishing his first works. At age 31 he received his doctorate. He wrote and preached often and was one of the greatest and influential theologians of all time. He is one of the few Doctors of the church. He is the patron of universities and students.

## Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

Grant me, O Lord my God,  
a mind to know you,  
a heart to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
conduct pleasing to you,  
faithful perseverance in  
waiting for you,  
and a hope of finally  
embracing you.

Amen.

*"We were the couple who never fought. We don't like conflict so we just didn't talk. Never. Discussed. Issues. He lived his married single lifestyle, and I lived mine."* Sound familiar?

**Retrouvaille** is a marriage program that teaches effective communication. The presenting team, three couples and a priest, presents practical tools to enable you to take a good look at many areas of your relationship. They have 'been there' and 'done that'. They will tell you what worked for them. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of April 8-10, 2022 call (434) 793-0242 or email: [retrouvaillenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaillenc@msn.com) or visit the website at [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

## RECYCLING

The Youth Group is collecting aluminum cans, tin cans, and other metal items for recycling to support the Youth Group activities. Please leave your items by the shed in the corner of the parking lot. Thank you in advance for separating the cans into separate bags for aluminum and steel. Steel items like old fry pans, basketball hoops, poles, tools, shovels, tire rims etc. can be turned in for cash. Please donate. Thank you.



## RECICLANDO

El Grupo de Jovenes es recogiendo latas de aluminio, latas de comida o cualquier otro metal para apoyar las actividades del Grupo Juvenil. Por favor deposite los articulos que usted tenga a la esquina de la casita.

Gracias a los que ponen en bolsa separadas el aluminio y el acero. Articulos de acero como sartenes viejos, herramientas, palas etc.. Se convierten en efectivo. Porfavor Done. Muchas Gracias.



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