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9:15 A.M. (ESPAÑOL)

10:45 A.M. 12:15 P.M. 5:00 P.M.

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at 7:30 pm.

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Instruction class is on the Friday before at 7:00 pm.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 10, 2024



Masses for the Week

Saturday, March 9

5:00p Jose Morales (Death Anniv.)

Sunday, March 10

7:30 For the Purgatorial Society

9:15 Oscar Hernandez

Holy Spirit

Rafaela Vda. De Sigcha Shirley Van Brink De Muskus Maria Muskus (L) (Thanksgiving)

Alex Cruz and Ruben Angel Serna (L) (For

Well Being and Guidance)

Thelma Nurys Miranda (L) (100th Birthday)

10:45 Thanksgiving For The Gift Of Life Of Lily

Jane Raz (L)

Edward John Makasakit Benjamin Veray Rodriguez Aida and Aurelio Hernandez For the Soul of Rolando Lusanta

12:15p For the People of the Parish

5:00p Gloria M. Miranda (4th Year Death Anniv.)

Monday, March 11

7:45 David Berney 12:05 Barbara Santillano

Tuesday, March 12

7:45 St. Jude

12:05p Marie Maloney (L) (Birthday)

Wednesday, March 13

7:45 Leoncio Pesquira 12:05p Alberto Galarpe Thursday, March 14

7:45 Leovigildo Aquino (Birthday In Heaven)

12:05p Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 15

7:45 Souls in Purgatory 12:05p Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 16

Souls in Purgatory 7:45 12:05p Souls in Purgatory

Lavinia Bernarda Gonzalez 5:00p

Sunday, March 17

For the People of the Parish 7:30

Bolivar Maldonado 9:15 Laura Maldonado

For the People of the Parish

10:45 12:15p For the People of the Parish For the People of the Parish 5:00p

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Next Weekend's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34 In the days of the new covenant, all people will have personal knowledge of God.



Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 God's mercy offers us hope of a clean heart and

renewed spirit.

Hebrews 5:7-9 The reverent heart gains a hearing in the presence of God.

John 12:20-33 Some Greeks—outsiders to the story seek personal access to Jesus.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick: Fr. Abraham Mathew

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Purgatorial Society

The following names were enrolled in the Purgatorial Society in the month of: FEBRUARY 2024

Thelma Goberdhan
Jairam Goberdhan
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DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

On Saturday, April 20th, the Eucharistic Revival will take place in the Louis Armstrong Stadium of the USTA Billie Jean King Tennis Center, Flushing, NY. Arrival time will be between 8:00 am and 9:00 am. Departure time will be 3:00 pm. Admission is free.

Each parish is being allotted 50 tickets. The diocese is requiring that each parish have a contact person for this event. Father Jovito has asked Sister Alice to assume this responsibility. ASAP the Office of Pilgrimages must have the name, telephone number, and the email of each person who is planning to attend. Please see Sister Alice to register for this beautiful event.

LENTEN REFLECTION: SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards at each entrance to the Church with the details about this Lenten prayerful experience which will begin at 1:00 pm. There is a separate component in Spanish and a separate component in English. Separately, both English and Spanish presentations will be given by Rev. Msgr. Jonas Achacoso, Adjutant Judicial Vicar of our Diocesan Tribunal and Sister Alice.

SALVATION HISTORY (continued)

In last week's bulletin, we read about the faith that Armand had that his father would always be true to his promise, "No matter what happens, Armand, I'll always be there." That is the kind of faith that we need, because that is the kind of Father we have!

The Bible tells us how God has cared for His family throughout time. After Adam and Eve disobeyed God, He promised to send His Son to once again make our relationship with Him possible and one day for His children to live with Him forever. In Sacred Scripture we see that our Heavenly Father has kept each and every one of the promises He made concerning our redemption. These promises came to fulfillment by Jesus willingly accepting His horrific death on the cross and then rising to new life on Easter.

There are times when our fathers may fail us in a variety of ways. However, our Heavenly Father is a different kind of father, the eternal Father never fails to fulfill His word. No matter what obstacles may come about, He is constantly faithful to His covenant. May we realize more profoundly how great is God's personal love for each one of us, as member of His covenant family. The mystery of God's love in the history of salvation manifests to us how our Heavenly Father has been watching over us throughout all of history. God longs to convince us of His passionate love for each one of us.

As we read and become more familiar with the Bible, we come to realize how God our Father, through a series of covenants, has moved from making a covenant first with a couple, Adam and Eve, and then step by step to the whole world. By reflecting on the covenants that God made in salvation history we will grow in our knowledge of God's fatherly ways and share more fully in the life of the Spirit, which Christ died to give us. This is why God has revealed Himself, and still does speak to us, in Sacred Scripture, to that we might come to know, love, and imitate Him as the covenant Father who keeps all His promises.

Before looking into the covenants made by God, let us reflect on the meaning of covenants. The word covenant comes from the Latin word "convenire", which means "to come together" or "to agree". The English term "covenant": involves a formal, solemn, and binding pact between two or more parties. Each party must live up to its end of the bargain. A covenant is similar to a contract. Modern secular law tends to treat covenants and contracts as virtually identical; but in biblical terms, covenants involve much more than contracts. There are several differences. First, a contract is made with a promise, while a covenant is made by swearing an oath. In a promise, you make a pledge. In oath-swearing a promise is transformed by invoking God's holy name for assistance or blessing ("so help me God"). The one who swears the oath places himself under divine judgment and a conditional self-curse. Thus, the oath is a much stronger and more sacred form of commitment. (to be continued next week)

Many Blessings,

Sr. Alice Michael, S.U.S.C.

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AVIVAMIENTO EUCARÍSTICO DIOCESANO

El sábado 20 de abril tendrá lugar el avivamiento eucarístico en el estadio Louis Armstrong del USTA Billie Jean King Tennis Center, Flushing, NY. La hora de llegada será entre las 8:00 am y las 9:00 am. La hora de salida será a las 3:00 P.M. La entrada es gratuita.

A cada parroquia se le asignarán 50 entradas. La diócesis requiere que cada parroquia tenga una persona de contacto para este evento. El Padre Jovito le ha pedido a la Hermana Alice que asuma esta responsabilidad. ASAP la Oficina de Peregrinaciones debe tener el nombre, número de teléfono, y el correo electrónico de cada persona que está planeando asistir. Por favor vea a la Hermana Alice para inscribirse en este hermoso evento.

REFLEXIÓN CUARESMAL: SÁBADO 16 DE MARZO

Por favor vea el volante en los boletines en cada entrada de la Iglesia con los detalles sobre esta experiencia de oración de Cuaresma que comenzará a la 1:00 pm. Hay un componente separado en español y un componente separado en inglés. Las presentaciones en inglés y español serán dadas por el Rev. Mons. Jonas Achacoso, Vicario Judicial Adjunto de nuestro Tribunal Diocesano y la Hermana Alice.

LA HISTORIA DE LA SALVACIÓN (continuacíon)

En el boletín de la semana pasada, leímos sobre la fe que Armand tenía en que su padre siempre sería fiel a su promesa: "Pase lo que pase, Armand, siempre estaré ahí". Esa es la clase de fe que necesitamos, porque esa es la clase de Padre que tenemos!

La Biblia nos cuenta cómo Dios ha cuidado de su familia a lo largo del tiempo. Después de que Adán y Eva desobedecieran a Dios, Él prometió enviar a Su Hijo para hacer posible una vez más nuestra relación con Él y para que un día Sus hijos vivieran con Él para siempre. En la Sagrada Escritura vemos que nuestro Padre Celestial ha cumplido todas y cada una de las promesas que hizo con respecto a nuestra redención. Estas promesas se cumplieron cuando Jesús aceptó voluntariamente su horible muerte en la cruz y resucitó a una nueva vida en Pascua.

Hay momentos en que nuestros padres pueden fallarnos de diversas maneras. Sin embargo, nuestro Padre Celestial es una clase diferente de padre, el Padre Eterno nunca falla en cumplir Su palabra. No importan los obstáculos que puedan surgir, Él es constantemente fiel a Su alianza. Que nos demos cuenta más profundamente de cuán grande es el amor personal de Dios por cada uno de nosotros, como miembros de Su familia de la alianza. El misterio del amor de Dios en la historia de la salvación nos manifiesta cómo nuestro Padre Celestial ha estado velando por nosotros a lo largo de toda la historia. Dios anhela convencernos de Su amor apasionado por cada uno de nosotros.

A medida que leemos y nos familiarizamos con la Biblia, nos damos cuenta de cómo Dios, nuestro Padre, a través de una serie de pactos, ha pasado de hacer un pacto primero con una pareja, Adán y Eva, y luego, paso a paso, con todo el mundo. Al reflexionar sobre las alianzas que Dios hizo en la historia de la salvación, creceremos en nuestro conocimiento de los caminos paternales de Dios y compartiremos más plenamente la vida del Espíritu, que Cristo murió para darnos. Por eso Dios se ha revelado, y nos sigue hablando, en la Sagrada Escritura, para que lleguemos a conocerle, amarle e imitarle como Padre de alianza que cumple todas sus promesas.

Antes de examinar los pactos realizados por Dios, reflexionemos sobre el significado de los pactos. La palabra pacto procede del latín "convenire", que significa "reunirse" o "ponerse de acuerdo". El término inglés "covenant": implica un pacto formal, solemne y vinculante entre dos o más partes. Cada parte debe cumplir su parte del trato. Un pacto es similar a un contrato. El derecho secular moderno tiende a tratar los pactos y los contratos como virtualmente idénticos; pero en términos bíblicos, los pactos implican mucho más que los contratos. Hay varias diferencias. En primer lugar, un contrato se hace con una promesa, mientras que un pacto se hace con un juramento. En una promesa, se hace un juramento. En el juramento, la promesa se transforma invocando el santo nombre de Dios para pedir ayuda o bendición ("que Dios me ayude"). El que hace el juramento se somete al juicio divino y a una auto-maldición condicional. Así, el juramento es una forma de compromiso mucho más fuerte y sagrada. (continuará la próxima semana)

Muchas Bendiciones,

Sr. Alice Michael, S.U.S.C.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 GOSPEL JN 3:14-21

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

DOMINGO, 10 DE MARZO 2024, EVANGELIO 3,14-21

LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO SEGUN SAN JUAN

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a Nicodemo: "Así como Moisés levantó la serpiente en el desierto, así tiene que ser levantado el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna. Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo, que le entregó a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna. Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él. El que cree en él no será condenado; pero el que no cree ya está condenado, por no haber creído en el Hijo único de Dios. La causa de la condenación es ésta: habiendo venido la luz al mundo, los hombres prefirieron las tinieblas a la luz, porque sus obras eran malas. Todo aquel que hace el mal, aborrece la luz y no se acerca a ella, para que sus obras no se descubran. En cambio, el que obra el bien conforme a la verdad, se acerca a la luz, para que se vea que sus obras están hechas según Dios".



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February 6, 2024

To the Clergy, Staffs, and Faithful of Deanery Queens 7,

On Thursday, January 11th, under the direction of Bishop Brennan, I met with the priests of your deanery to discuss the current pastoral situation in the parishes so we can begin to plan for the best way to continue to evangelize and proclaim the Gospel in your deanery while facing the reality of limited personnel and resources.

Earlier in the fall, there was a Convocation of Priests where Bishop Brennan opened the discussion of beginning a process of creating parish partnerships and parish mergers across the diocese. The priests of the deanery met together on that day and discussed the following:

The average weekly Mass attendance reported by parishes during 2022/2023:

Immaculate Conception	1125	Incarnation	543
OL of the Cenacle	348	OL of Lourdes	887
Presentation BVM	1597	Queen of Peace	212
St. Gerard Majella	297	St. Nicholas of Tolentine	1239
SS. Joachim & Anne	603	Average attendance in Deanery	761

- These numbers seem to reflect the current reality of the deanery. It seems that a number of people still have not returned to church post-COVID.
- The immigration issues in the area may lead to an increase in people coming to church.
- Regarding working towards parish partnerships, it will take time and require patience.
 There are different cultures here, and each site has its own identity. Catechesis will be very important as we go through the process.
- The question of Mass schedules is challenging. Some parishes need to take care of their local needs; other parishes can work together to provide for the people. We have to face the challenge of a lack of priests, a lower number of people, and the complex schedules of parishioners.
- The deanery should discuss the possibility of sharing resources for Religious Education.
- The diocese should address the need of formation for lay people as catechists and lay ministers.
- The diocese needs to invest more in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

In addition to the information that was shared, some concerns raised by the priests include:

- The Neo-Catechumenal Way is making great contributions to the diocese, and the seminary for The Way lives in this deanery at Incarnation. Several parishes in the diocese have pastors from The Way, and about half of our current seminarians come from The Way. Parishes should be open to see what The Way can offer to our parishes and to the diocese.
- We need to consider programs that will help us to bring people back to the regular practice of the faith.
- In anticipation of Msgr. Hardiman's retirement, Queen of Peace and St. Nicholas of Tolentine should begin to discuss the possibility of a partnership.

I share the notes of the meeting with you so that you are aware of some of the more immediate concerns that your pastors are facing. In the months ahead, they will continue to work together and provide opportunities for parishioners to be a part of the discussion so that Bishop Brennan can make decisions that will first and foremost help us to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ most effectively, while at the same time minimize the administrative burdens that can detract from the important work of the Church in your part of Queens. As we face changes in parish structures and administration, I believe that it also highlights the importance of stewardship among the faithful in our communities. The generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure are needed now more than ever, and they are always ways for parishioners to build the community and respond to the needs of their brothers and sisters. The Church is truly blessed by all of us working together as the Body of Christ.

May we entrust ourselves to Mary, the Mother of God, whose intercession accompanies us as we strive to be faithful disciples. May God bless our bishop and our diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. John J. Costello, VE

Regional Episcopal Vicar of Queens East

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cc: Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn Reverend Monsignor Joseph Grimaldi, Vicar General

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4th Sunday of Lent



The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B focus on God's faithfulness in drawing us closer to him.

The first reading tells how God inspired Cyrus to allow the chosen people to worship once again in Jerusalem.

In the gospel we hear of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, where Jesus explains that he was sent to us out of the boundless love of God.

SOURCE: https://young-catholics.com/3177/4th-sunday-of-lent-year-b/

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