

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Dear Friends, Have you ever had a situation where you had to die to self? How did you handle it? Did you resist having to do it? Did you gripe and complain? Or did you embrace it and accept it patiently, knowing that in the end, it would bear fruit?

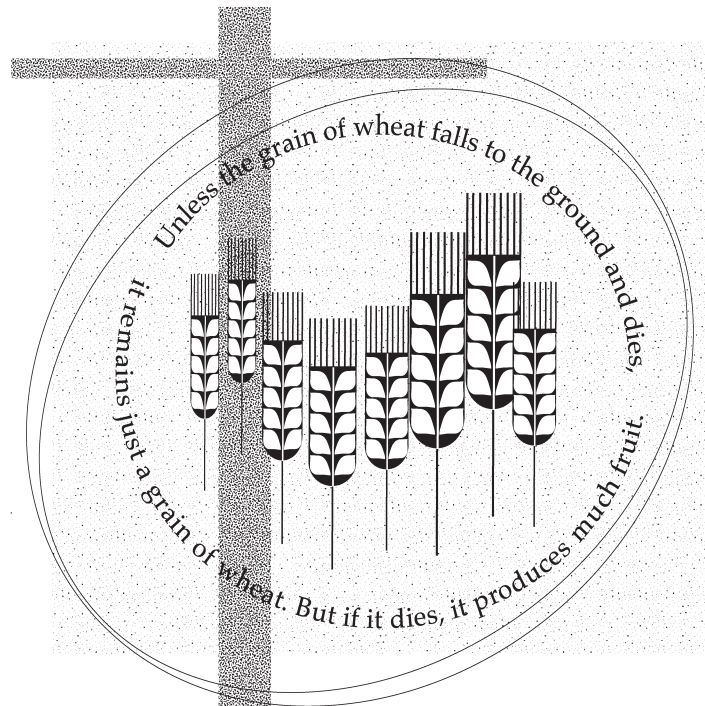
Learning to die to self is very much a part of life. In fact, hardly a day goes by that we don't find something that leads us to die to self. For instance, maybe you were in a rush and you stopped to pick up a burger expecting it to only take 3 - 5 minutes, and ended up waiting much longer. Or perhaps you reached over to turn off the alarm clock and forced yourself to get up for work, even though you wanted to sleep just a little longer. I'm willing to bet that you died to self when you finally sat down to watch a little TV, and suddenly remembered that you needed to do a load of laundry before the morning. If you have ever gotten up in the middle of the night to calm a crying baby or worried when your teenager was going to come home at night, you have died to self.

Our daily dying to self is kind of a preparation for our final death and transition to Eternal Life. Each of the scenarios above requires something of us. Yet, each also can bear some kind of fruit. In each, there is some sort of suffering or letting go of one's own desires for the sake of some greater good. It shouldn't be any mystery to us that this makes us more like Christ, who suffered and died for the good of our salvation.

There is no doubt that dying to self is something difficult. It can be hard to be patient when we are in a rush to get somewhere. In a situation like this, we might be tempted to lose our cool or become uncharitable. When we find ourselves in a situation where we have to forego our own comfort in order to get up for work, take care of a chore or look after a family member, we can easily become resentful or develop a negative attitude. If this happens, then the dying to self diminishes in merit.

The Scriptures today tell us that, “. . . unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” What does this mean? It means that each of us must learn to die to our own selfish pursuits if we are to mature emotionally and spiritually. A person that only looks after their own selfish interests is erratic, and dissatisfied. On the other hand, a person that has learned to detach him or herself from self-centered interests is one who is of greater emotional stability and resilience. Such a person will enjoy the fruit of a greater sense of freedom, peace, and well-being because of detachment.

When we have to practice patience, or extend ourselves for the sake of another, we are stretched in our faith and we develop a greater trust in God. These little “deaths” cause us to reach out more diligently to God. Likewise, each of these little “deaths” will ultimately help us embrace that supreme act of surrender when we come



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to our final death. That final surrender will lead us to an eternity with God. As our Lenten journey continues, let us ask the Lord to grant us the grace to let go. Let's ask Him to free us from the enslavement to our self-centeredness, and give us the joy of a life lived for the sake of others. This is truly lasting fruit for our souls! God bless!



Welcome New Parishioners!

Please welcome Grace Gonzalez and Sabrina Cox & family.

We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

Parish and School Office Closed

The parish office and school will be closed Monday, March 26. The staff and teacher will attend the Centennial Jubilee Mass and Conference. Regular schedule will resume on Tuesday.

Holy Thursday Potluck

Please join us in celebrating the Seder meal with a Holy Thursday Potluck dinner on Thursday, April 5

at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. We will provide the Main meat dish; sign-up sheets are available at the doors of the Church, we are asking for side dishes, salads, and deserts to serve 4-6 persons.

Women's Circle

The St. Pius X Women's Circle will meet at 7:00 PM this coming Wednesday, March 28 in the Parish Hall. All women of the Parish are welcome to attend.

St. Patrick's Festival Meeting

The leprechauns will meet next Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Rosary in the Garden

Come and pray in the peaceful setting of the prayer garden. The Catholic Daughters will pray the rosary on Wednesday, March 28, at 6:15 PM. Bring chairs.

Collection for the Military

Only two more weeks to make your Springtime contribution of snacks for the "Care" boxes. Many "Thank you" letters have come to the Coastal Bend Support Team in Rockport voicing gratitude for the treats. Thank you for

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*
First Saturday: 8:15AM Vigil at 5:30PM.
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM (Youth Mass)
(Babysitting at 10, 12 & 5:30 Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)
Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,
Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM
Holy Days: 7AM, 12PM & 6:30PM (Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: *Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM*
Marriages: *By appointment only and notice six months in advance.*

Weddings *take place on weekdays any time and on Saturdays no later than 3:00PM*

Baptismal Instruction: *Pre-register through the office.*

Anointing of the Sick: *On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays*

adding to the large collection box in the rectory. All items will be taken to Rockport soon.

Men's Club

The Men's Club will be selling B-B-Q chicken this Sunday, March 25th after all Masses except after the 5:30 p.m. ½ chickens: \$3.00, whole chickens: \$6.00.

Vehicles for Sale

We are looking to sell the two buses and the parish van because of the cost to fix and maintain the vehicles. The buses will start at \$1,000 each and the van will start at \$2,000. All vehicles need body work but engines run. The van is a 2000 Dodge 2500 and we have a 2000 Ford Bus and a 1989 Eldorado Bus.

Centennial Jubilee of the Diocese

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Emily Southgate was a tiny, dynamic woman filled with faith and a good deal of leadership ability. The daughter of a prominent family, she played a significant part in the development of lay societies in the new Diocese of Corpus Christi. Working with Bishop Nussbaum, she brought together a group of equally capable women parishioners to found a charitable organization. In August 1914, the group obtained their charter as Cathedral Court #246 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. The ladies went straight to work providing charitable services through direct aid to those in need. They grew to become part of the oldest and largest organization of Catholic women in the Americas. Today the diocese has 24 courts and hundreds of women devoted to charitable works, scholarships and parish leadership under their motto of "Charity and Unity."

Financial Report for week ending 3/18/12

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection	\$21,278.45
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,134.50
Other Income	\$ 517.00
Total Operating Revenue.....	\$ 22,929.95

Other Contributions:

St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 1,342.25
Catholic Charities.....	\$ 65.00
Janosek Scholarship.....	\$ 25.00
Catholic Relief Services/Rice Bowl.....	\$ 936.00
Total Other Contributions.....	\$ 2,368.25
Total Contributions 3/18/2012	\$ 25,298.20

Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of February 2012.....\$1,108,046.00

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, March 25

Men's Club sale of BBQ chicken
HEB school cards are available after Masses
 8:30AM – RCIA – CC#2
 6:30PM – LIFE TEEN – YC
 7:30PM – Vietnamese Mass

Monday, March 26

Parish Office Closed
 3:00-4:30PM – School ballet class – PH
 7:00PM – Scouts – Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 27

6-8AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2
 10:00AM – Journey – CC#2
 12:30-3PM – MAP – CC#1
 7:00PM – David's Lenten Class on Liturgy - CH

Wednesday, March 28

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2
 9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1
 9:30AM – Schola – C/R
 3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R
 4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R
 6:30PM- CCD – CC#1&2, Cafeteria
 6:30PM – EDGE – YC
 7:00PM – Women's Circle - PH
 8:00PM – Youth Band practice - CH

Thursday, March 29

9AM – Altar & Rosary Society – CC#2
 1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2
 6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R
 7:00PM – Adoration - CH
 7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

Friday, March 30

9:00-11:00AM – Women's Prayer Group – CC#2
 2:30PM- School Stations of the Cross
 3:30-5:30PM – Webelos – CC#2
 3:30PM – Chess – CC#1
 4:30-7:00PM – Fish Fry – PH
 7:00PM – Stations of the Cross – CH

Saturday, March 31

8AM—1PM – CCD – CC#1
 4:30PM – Afterglow - PH

Sunday, April 1

HEB school cards are available after Masses
 8:30AM – RCIA – CC#2
 1:00PM – St. Patrick's Leprechauns Meeting - PH
 6:30PM – Life Teen – YC
 7:30PM – Vietnamese Mass

YOUTH CORNER



Edge – 6th-8th graders, Do you understand the Sacraments? Join us for Edge and we'll help you understand.

Life Teen – Tonight Life Teen will conclude our semester on vocations with a night of Adoration. Join us next week for "Will You Go To Prom With Me?"

Youth Spectacular

The Middle School Youth Spectacular will take place Sunday, April 22 and the High School Youth Spectacular will take place April 29. Both events will take place at Richard Borchard Fair Grounds and the cost is \$20. The deadline to register and receive a free t-shirt is April 9. Call 452-4513 for questions.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mondays in Lent

Attention: Due to the celebration of the opening Mass of the Diocese's Centennial Year, David's Lenten class will be transferred from Monday night to Tuesday, March 27 at 7PM in the Church. Hope to see you there!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for the students in Sacramental Preparation II A and II C. Both classes had perfect attendance this past week. Keep up the good work.



PARENT MEETING MAKE-UP

There will be a make-up Parent Meeting on Saturday, March 31st for parents of children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We will meet in CC#1 at 8:30 am. A letter was sent out reminding you of the meeting.

CONFIRMATION II CLASS

The Confirmation II class will not meet this Monday evening.

Viewing of "The Passion"

The Youth Ministry program will host the movie, "The Passion of the Christ" on Wednesday, April 4 at 6PM in the Youth Building.

Easter Eggs and Candy!

We are in need of plastic eggs and candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please deliver items to the rectory by Wednesday, April 4.

Around the Diocese

Bishop's Blog

The Bishop has quickly moved into the new age of technology with his new blog. If you would like to read about his trip to Rome for his Ad Limina Apostolorum (to the threshold of the apostles) visit with the Holy Father on March 15 log on to: <http://bishopmulveyblog.diocesec.org/>

Altar Servers

March 31-April 1

Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Brittany McCarty
MC Kevin Smith
Matthew Oliveira
Ryan Park



Savannah Hernandez
Brianna Salazar
Emily Salazar

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Paul Freeman
Nicholas Lee
Christian Ramos

Sun. 12:00 p.m.
School will serve

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Bethany Hernandez
MC Jackie Lara

Sun. 5:30 p.m.
MC Brian Pompa
Matthew Quiroz
Cole Morin
Toby Johnson

Lectors

PALM SUNDAY

MAR 31	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Fred McCutchon
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APR 1	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Ethel Dulak
APR 1	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Alpha Patterson
APR 1	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Hester Rodriguez
APR 1	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Ralph Rodriguez
APR 1	SUN	12:00	NOON	School
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APR 1	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Simon Purnell
APR 1	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Martha St. Romain

School News

By Principal Kathy Clark

We're back! Back from our week off for Spring Break, that is. There's nothing like a little bit of "R & R" to refresh and revive one's body and soul! We are now ready for the last nine weeks of school. The fourth quarter always goes the fastest, so we are holding on to our hats and getting ready for the ride!

School was dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday last week so that parent conferences could be held. It gave teachers and parents the opportunity to visit and discuss the children's progress this year. Report cards were distributed during the conferences.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the parish hall became the site of talks for parents on the subject of bullying. Veronica Trevino, the speaker from the Education Service Center who gave the talks, was very knowledgeable about the subject and provided the parents with good information on all types of bullying, especially cyber bullying.

On Friday, students in Mrs. Stovall's class, got the opportunity to see one of their classmates, William Tucker, star in the play, "Flat Stanley," at the Harbor Playhouse. William is the son of Brian and Melinda Tucker of our parish, and the big brother of Emma (3rd), John Paul (K-5) and Luke (K-4). This was William's third play to perform in, but his first time to be the main character. Way to go, William!

Monday, March 26, marks the beginning the Centennial Jubilee Celebration of the Diocese. Students from all of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Corpus Christi will have the day off from school so that the teachers and staff members can attend the talks and Mass that will take place at the American Bank Center. It should be a day to remember. We will continue to celebrate the Centennial throughout the coming year.

Many thanks to all of the parishioners who have purchased the five raffle tickets that were sent in the mail a few weeks ago. We appreciate your support of our golf tournament raffle. The tournament is a little over a month away, on April 28, 2012. We are hoping to do as well or better than we did on last year's tournament so that we can complete our playground for the older children, as well as our fencing and security camera goals. We are almost there!

CHRIST



draws all things to himself



We are looking for teams, so if you like to play golf, please sign up. There are forms available in the back of the church and also in the school office. The cost per team is \$500 or \$125 per person. That includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, lunch, prizes, door prizes and live auction. It's a fun tournament.

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is now open to the public. If you know of anyone wanting to provide an excellent Catholic education for their children, please send them our way. Tuition assistance is available for those who need help and qualify based on income. We give preference to our parishioners and siblings of our currently enrolled students. Call the office at 992-1343 for more information.

Have a blessed week.



Creating/Maintaining a Safe Environment

If you are serving in the parish as a volunteer, you are required by the Diocese to be certified as a person who will protect children and vulnerable adults. **CMSE Classes** are offered throughout the year. Those who have never been certified are required to take the CORE CLASS and those who have been certified and whose certificate is expired are required to renew their certification by taking the recertification class.

Class offerings at St. Pius X are as follows:

March 27	Core Class	6:30 pm	CC#1
April 10	Recertification Class	6:30pm	CC#1
May 8	Recertification Class	6:30pm	CC#1

(Classes in other parishes are listed on the Diocesan Website at www.diocesecc.org)

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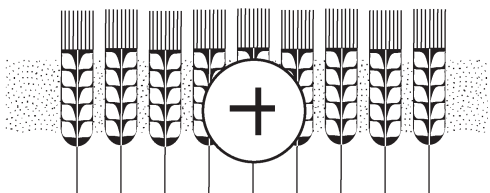
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Mass Intentions



- Sat. 3/24 8:15AM Bob Glorfield, Jr. by the Glorfield family
 5:30PM Bob Conwell by Ellen M. Dickson
- Sun. 3/25 8:00AM Ericka Benson by the Moraida family
 10:00AM Janet Peterson by Carol & Mike Richardson
 12:00PM Joe Shropshire & Vernon Krause by Dorothy Krause
 5:30PM For the Parishioners
- Mon. 3/26 6:30AM Henrietta Newbury by Sr. Mary Ann Pagano
 8:15AM Gabby Humpal by Dr. & Mrs. Richard Carlson
- Tue. 3/27 6:30AM Mitzi Mendleski by Tom & Theresa Moore
 8:15AM Mary T. Naranjo by Debbie Sevilla
- Wed. 3/28 6:30AM Jim Yaklin by Helen Shropshire
 8:15AM Joe McCullough by the Didear family
 Alice Didear's Birthday Ints. by Pat & Sandy de Gregorio
 5:30PM Bill Traeger by Sam & Delores Traeger
 Dionel J. Garza's Ints. by family
 Sandra Sykora by Pat & Sandy de Gregorio
 Consuelo Barrientes by Esperanza Garcia
- Thu. 3/29 6:30AM Sterling Achee by Anna Vrazel
 8:15AM David Gerdes by Angie Gerdes
- Fri. 3/30 6:30AM Andy Rimar, Anniv. by Pat Rimar
 8:15AM Mireille Smith's Anniv. by Vernon Smith
 5:30PM Annie Krnavek's Anniv. by Theresie Krnavek
- Sat. 3/31 8:15AM Robert Garza by his family
 5:30PM Marian Bomba by her family
- Sun. 4/1 8:00AM Robert Ollech by Mary & Earl Saylor
 10:00AM Erika Benson by Moreida family
 12:00PM Alvino Campos by Stella Campos
 5:30PM For the Parishioners



Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins...

Caleb Adamson, Martin Adrian, Mabel Allen, Susan Ames, Marie Annis, Irene Arkwright, Nancy Arkwright, Rita Austin, Madison Beckwith, Elizabeth Berry, Hazel Billodeau, Beatrice Bocanegra, Dawson Boone, Michael Boone, Robert Bowden, Martha Brown, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Dana Cadena, Michael Campos, Stella Campos, Ashley Cantu, Jonathan Carlson, Alexandria Carrion, Judy Carroll, Emma Casares, Annie Castro, M/M John Castro, Cameron Chrissman, Julie Anna Chrissman, Mela Ciochetto, Kathy Collins, Suzanne Conklin, Daniel Covich, Richard Lee Daily, Florinda De La Garza, Minga De Los Santos, Mark DeGaisel, Elva DeLeon, Thomas Denniston, Samantha Didear Deste, Bertha Dominguez, Scott Dossat, Yolanda Duran, Maggie Dyer, Patricia Edson, Vance Elliot, Elizabeth Elovitz, Bill Enters, Sandi Escobar, Bess Evans, Anne Everson, Dr. William Fant, Aurelia Fay, Mercedes Felan, Patsy Fikes, Bobby Floyd, Lexi Fuller, Frances Galvan, Travis Garbe, Alice Garci, Concepcion Garcia, Pam Garcia, Ruben Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Jr., Laura Garza, Marvin Gates, Jackson Gavarkovs, Michael Gil, Krista Glorfield, James Goins, Melissa Golay, Elida Gonzalez, Grace Gonzalez, Jessica Gonzalez, Kathy Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Glenda Graham, Charlotte Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Tommy Groner, Iluminada Gunnar, Colleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Carolyn Haese, Rose Marie Hand, James Hardeman, Bud Harris, Bartus Hebenwald, David Arriana Hernandez, Vanessa Hernandez, Gabriel Hinojosa, Shelly Hinojosa, Chris Holland, Judy Holmes, Edwin Imhoff, Edward Jacobsan, Adam Jewel, Elizabeth Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Jeremy Keller, Willie Keller, Jason Keppery, Judy Kirchner, Alene Krause, Dorothy Krause, Carl Kuehn, Emma Lane (child), Paul David Laudadio, Susanne Logan, Baby Michael James Long, Jr., Larry Looka, Arlinda Lopez, Orlando Lopez, Randall Lovelace, Richard Lundeen, Christopher Mankan, Deborah V. Martinez, Stella Martinez, Georgia Maughan, Laura Mayagoitia, Michael McCloskey, John Medina, Mary Medrano, Virginia Medrano, Jose Mercado, Domenic Michaud, Robert Miller, Jennifer Mirabal, Estefana Mireles, Avita John Moore, Jose I. Morales, John Morgan, Idolina Munoz, Daniel Murray, LTC, Jerry Muttera, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Alma Mae Peter, Thien-Huong Phan, Karen Pinkerton-Kowalik, Robert M. Pope, Cameron Propp, Derrel Puckett, James Ragan, Andres Ramirez, Irma Ramirez, Juan R. Ramirez, Rosenda Ramon, Angie Ramos, Rey Ramos, Judy West Raser, Pat Reddick, Billy Redfox, Priscilla Renteria, Olga Reyes, J.R. Rios, Dr. Alice Robinson, Maria Rocha, Betty Rodgers, Calvin Rodrigues, Sr., Armandina Rodriguez, Cleto Rodriguez, Elva Rodriguez, Mary Lee Rodriguez, Marguerite Ross, Troy Ross, Angie Rossi, Robert Rushing, Isaiah Ryland, Luis Salazar, Maria Salazar, Joseph Salinas, Reynaldo Salinas, Janie San Miguel & children, Terry Schacherl, Alison Schaff, Nathan Schoggins, Valerie V. Schoggins, Jenna Schulz, James Sedberry, Walter Sheehan, Josephine C. Sheldon, Joseph Shepherd, June Shepherd, Tina Shepherd, Dorothy Sherman, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Jaden A. Silva, Ian Silvertooth, Judy Slaughter, Kelley Smith, Morrie Smith, Maxine Sommers, Marie Sophie, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Mirium Lee Speiner, Mary Ann Starkey, Richard Stasiak, Jr., Mary Kay Stoner, Steve Struve, Irma Suarez, James H. Tansey, Melissa Taylor, Lydia Tey, Rossly Thonnard, Jim Trammell, Joseph Trevino, Tony Trevino, Laverne Ulbricht, Gary Valencia, Silverio Valencia, Jr., Dalinda Veriali, Johnny Villarreal, Kristopher Villarreal, Ardeth Weed, Steve Weikal, Catalina Weitzel, Joyce West, Nova West, Mary Ellen Whitworth, Greg Wiegthman, Belinda Wightnam, Bea Wilson, Maritza Windsor, Linda Witt, Fr. John Wright, Dollya Zittellie and all those who asked for and need our prayers.