

Third Sunday of Lent



Dear Friends,

“Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.” (Ex. 3:5)

These words of God to Moses from the Book of Exodus this weekend, are the same words that Pope John Paul II quoted when he began his address to seminarians and women in formation during his visit to San Antonio in 1987. I happened to be among those people that day, and ever since then, I can't help but think of that unforgettable moment whenever I read this particular passage from Scripture. It seems somehow providential that we hear these words again now that Benedict XVI has retired from the Petrine Ministry because one of Benedict's legacies will be that he pointed us to the sacred.

That day in San Antonio nearly 26 years ago, was very exhilarating. The anticipation in San Fernando Cathedral was palpable. There was so much energy and excitement among the participants that it almost seemed that the church could ignite! When we received news that the Pope was arriving, the excitement rose to fever pitch. The front doors of the Cathedral were flung open and we waited. Suddenly, the popemobile appeared and the Holy Father stepped out. There was a brief instant in which everything hushed as if the air had been sucked out of our lungs and out of the church. Then the applause and cheers began. When the pope reached the sanctuary, he knelt down to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and everyone present followed suit. You could hear a pin drop. Indeed, the Exodus quote above seemed to have become a reality. We were standing on holy ground!

In his talk that night, Pope John Paul II spoke of how of Moses' life was radically altered as he stood in the presence of the Almighty on that holy ground. The Lord called him on a mission that was going to alter the lives of the enslaved Hebrews in Egypt. His vocation would, from that moment on, be a vocation of leading people into a special relationship with God.

We can say that now Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was engaged in a similar vocation during his pontificate. In his humble way, Benedict XVI endeavored to guide us out of the slavery of the ills of our contemporary society into an intimate relationship with God and into a sense of the sacred. It is only fitting that we express gratitude to him for his steadfast guidance throughout these years. Now, we await the next successor to St. Peter. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the Cardinals as they prepare to enter the Conclave, so that they will select whom God wishes to be our shepherd.

Moses' vocation began with a moment of discovery of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It was a discovery that occurred while he stood in the holy presence of the Almighty. That discovery continued to unfold as that relationship with God intensified. Benedict XVI likewise grew in a deeper personal discovery of God's will for him. Ultimately, it led to his being called to resign the Petrine ministry for a life of prayer.

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Each of us is on a journey of discovery. The more we enter into the mystery of God, the more we begin to see our particular calling in life. We are nurtured, pruned, and fertilized by God's grace to help us grow in holiness. In order to grow in our relationship with God we need to recapture a sense of the sacred. We need to quiet ourselves down and kneel in reverence in His awesome presence. Essentially, we need to remove the sandals from our feet and enter upon holy ground! God bless!

Welcome, New Parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners: Gerald and Joanne Montalvo and children. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

Acts of Charity

There will be an Acts of Charity meeting this Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30pm in CC#1. Anyone is welcome to join the committee. We will be planning the Lenten Giving Tree and our next project. Any and all ideas are welcomed.



Helping Children in Lesotho

This week we focus our prayers, fasting and almsgiving on Lesotho, where many children lack access to quality education. Only 73% of primary school-age children in Lesotho are enrolled in school. Give to your Rice Bowl this week to support communities working with CRS to provide educational opportunities for children.

Thank you for participating in the Rice Bowl Collection!

† May They Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Juan M. Ramirez who was buried through our church last week. Also, for long time parishioner Joe Hardeman, who passed away last Thursday after a short illness and whose Memorial Mass took place on Saturday here at St. Pius. Also for Eileen Trammell's father, Ernest Bryant, who passed away on Wednesday, February 27th in Missouri.



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 10AM and 12 noon 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

Men's Club Barbecue Chicken Sale

The Men's Club will be selling barbecue chicken this Sunday, March 3rd after all the morning Masses. A whole chicken is \$8 and half a chicken is \$4.50.

Car Wash!!

Today, Sunday, March 3rd there will be a "Car Wash" after all Masses, organized by Scout Marco Ramirez, to raise money for his Eagle Scout project.

St. Patrick's Day IRISH FESTIVAL & Brunch

Sunday, March 17 from 11 am to 2 pm

The St. Pius X Irish Leprechauns will hold their 15th Annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Festival & Brunch at St. Pius X Church Parish Hall at 5620 Gollihar Road. Once again the Leprechauns will cook & serve a delicious home-made Irish meal. It would not be a real Irish Festival without GREEN BEER & if called upon adults will be served IRISH COFFEE for a small donation. Tickets are \$12 a piece for adults and children 2 years of age or older. Entertainment? Brace yourself for the dynamic toe-tapping music of GRAVEL WALK our favorite IRISH BAND with all the tunes they bring from the "Auld Sod." As an added attraction our first "Erin Go Bragh Irish Dance Contest" will be held. Adults & children 5 years of age & older, all of whom are dancers & have a ticket for the Festival, will be invited to whirl and twirl across the dance floor to the tunes of Gravel Walk's wonderful music. Ladies and gentleman, young & old, get ready to be a STAR! No doubt about it our Erin Go Bragh Irish Dance Contest will go down in St. Pius history as a jumpin' good time. Start practicing!

Ushers Meeting

Fr. Joseph would like to meet with all ushers, including the youth that usher at the 5:30pm Mass on Sundays, this Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please try to attend.

Have You Lost Anything?

Keys? Glasses? Prayerbooks? If you think you have left any articles around in the Church area, check the counter in the lobby, the sacristy, and the Church Office. Articles are often brought there in hopes that the owner can be reunited with their lost article.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, March 3

Men's Sale of BBQ Chickens

Sale of Irish Fest tickets after Masses

Car wash after all Masses

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

10:00AM-12:00PM – Finance Seminar – CC#1

1:00 Irish Fest Meeting - PH

4:00-5:30PM – Boy Scouts class – CC#1

Monday, March 4

3:00PM – Ballet class - PH

5:00-6:30PM – Confirmation class – YC

7:00-9:00PM – Church History – CC#2

7:00PM – Scouts – Cafeteria

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

Tuesday, March 5

6:00-8:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM- Journey – CC#2

12:30-3:00PM – MAP – CC#1

2:00-4:00PM – Church History – CC#2

6:30PM – Acts of Charity meeting – CC#1

7:00-8:30PM – First Tuesday Snapshots – CC#2

7:00PM – Ushers Meeting - PH

Wednesday, March 6

7-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

9:30AM – Staff Meeting - R

3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R

4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R

6:30PM – CCD & Parents – PH, CC#1&2 & Cafeteria

6:30PM – Alhambras - R

8:00PM – Youth Band practice -CH

Thursday, March 7

7:00AM-3:00PM – School Spring pictures – PH

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

Friday, March 8

9:00-11:00AM – Women of Faith – CC#2

9:00AM – 12:00PM – School - PH

2:30PM – School's Stations of the Cross - CH

4:00-7:00PM – Fish Fry – PH

7:00PM – Stations of the Cross - CH

Saturday, March 9

3:30-5:00PM – Sr. B.B. trip meeting – CC#1

Sunday, March 10

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

4:00-5:30PM – Scouts' class – CC#1&2

Youth Corner



6th-8th Graders

This Wednesday - Spring Break is finally here! Nice weather, a week full of video games, and for Corpus Christi-ans (I don't know), we can enjoy the beach. So, we invite ALL middle school students to come out to EDGE and prepare for Spring Break, and what it means when someone crosses their arms. Want to know what we're talking about, be at EDGE on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm in the SPX Youth Center.



9th-12th Graders

This Week - You can smell the coconut scented sun screen. You can hear the waves from the ocean. You can taste the change from Winter to Spring. Spring Break is almost here! Come join us for a look into Spring Break and catch the Influence. Life Teen is after Mass at 6:30 pm in the SPX Youth Center.

Next Week - No Life Teen on Sundays on March 10 and March 17, but read below for nformation on all of our Spring Break activities. We invite ALL high school students to join us on March 24 for our next Life Night!

Steubenville Basketball Concessions Fundraiser

Come and support the St. Pius X Bluejays Girls and Boys Basketball teams at the Basketball Court at 4:00 pm (Girls) and 4:45 pm (Boys on March 6). While you are there, come by the window at the SPX Youth Center and get a snack or drink while you enjoy the games. All proceeds will go towards our trip to Steubenville Florida!

Lenten Challenge

We invite ALL high school and middle school students to join us at 6:30 am Mass at St. Pius X every weekday during Lent. Afterwards, we will be eating breakfast and talking about our Lenten Journeys.

Spring Break Activities

March 9 - Spring Break Lock-In: ALL middle and high school students are invited to join us! There will be plenty of games and tournaments (pool, ping pong, sports games, dance games, basketball, etc.), plus food and the ability to stay up all night and have an awesome time. Registration forms are available at the Youth Center or call the Youth Office for more info.

March 11 - Movies at the SPX Youth Center for ALL middle school and high school students.

March 13 - Sonic Volleyball for high school students

March 14 - Paintball for high school students

Please call 361-993-4053 for more information on all Spring Break activities. Information will also be given at EDGE and Life Teen!

Altar Servers



March 8

Stations of the Cross 7PM
MC Andrew Shull
MC Toby Shull
MC Tori Shull

Sun. 10:00 a.m.
MC Blake Martin
Matthew Montez
Aaron Martin
Andrew Montez
Brooke Montez

March 9-10

Sat. 5:30 p.m.
MC Kevin Smith
Matthew Oliveira
Jacob Rivera
Ryan Park

Sun. 12:00 p.m.
MC Sara Rucker
Ranger Quintero
Charlie Uecker
Sarah Calaway

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Paul Freeman
MC Javier Camacho, Jr.
Nicholas Lee
J.P. Lee
Santiago Mendizabal

Sun. 5:30 p.m.
MC Alex Rossi
Franceska Alvarado
Millicent Alvarado
Kelsey Thomas

Lectors

MAR 9	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Ron Osman
MAR 9	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Dick Poremba
MAR 10	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Norman Acker
MAR 10	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Teresa Camacho
MAR 10	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Jennifer Krnavek
MAR 10	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Hester Rodriguez
MAR 10	SUN	12:00	NOON	Delbert Hooper
MAR 10	SUN	12:00	NOON	Arthur Kaler
MAR 10	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Inez Matthijetz
MAR 10	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Frank Pompa

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD

Thank you for your prayers for the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The children were well prepared—so a big thank you to their Catechist. We are now moving on to continue our study on the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist which the children will receive on May 5th. Please pray for the children as well as their parents.



PARENT MEETING

THERE IS A PARENT MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH IN THE PARISH HALL. See YOU there.

Perfect Attendance: CONGRATULATIONS to these classes with perfect attendance this past week:
Sacramental Prep IIa—Mr. & Mrs. Anzualda,
Sacramental Prep IIb—Mr. & Mrs. Martinez.
Sacramental Prep IIc—Mrs. Quiroz & Mrs. Lopez

School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



The countdown is on—only one more week until Spring Break! It's hard to tell who is more excited—the kids or the teachers and staff! This school year is zooming by so fast. Friday, March 8, marks the end of the third quarter of school. Only one more quarter to go and this school year will be over! It's a fact that once we get into the end-of-year activities, we will hardly have time to catch our breaths.

This past Thursday our Manner of the Month students were taken to Jason's Deli for lunch as a reward for displaying good manners. The seven students who were selected to go were privileged to be able to thank the owner of Jason's Deli, Mr. Bob Becquet, in person, when we were leaving. He praised them for using good manners and encouraged them to keep up the good work. Mr. Becquet is earning a special place in Heaven for all the good work he is doing here on earth. He is not only generous to our parish, but to our school as well. He has been sponsoring our Manner of the Month program since its inception here at St. Pius X Catholic School, and he is also a big supporter of our Golf Tournaments. Our tournaments would not be the same without the boxed lunches he has provided the players and helpers for the past nine years. Thanks, Bob and Sue! We appreciate you!

We had class pictures taken this past week. It's always a challenge for a photographer to get 18 three-year-olds to pose for a picture by looking in the same direction, and saying "cheese" at the same time! It's a miracle if they all have their eyes open, too. I tell our teachers of the three and four-year-old students that God has a special place in Heaven for them, too. It takes a lot of patience to teach these inquisitive little minds with their active little bodies!

Speaking of our early childhood students, they are studying about Texas right now, and learning all the symbols of our great state. As a culminating activity, there will be a rodeo on Friday in the Parish Hall. There are plans to have a real cowboy bring his real horse to school to show them how to handle and saddle a horse. It should be a fun day for the children and the parents who help with the rodeo.

Pre-registration for the 2013-2014 school year is going well. Our K-5 class is already full with a waiting list, and the Early Childhood classes of K-3 and K-4 are almost full. Our numbers are already better than they were last year at this time. Pre-registration is now open to the public, so if you know of anyone who wants to provide a great Catholic education for their child(ren), send them our way. We would love to give them a tour of the school and show off our Blue Jays students.

By the way, if you attend the 12:00 Mass today, then you will most likely see our students in uniform. They will be participating as readers, altar servers, choir members and gift bearers. In the future you may see them helping the ushers with the collection. They are a great bunch of children!

Have a blessed week!

Health Corner

"Get Healthy with Life's Simple 7"

This simple list has been developed to help you improve your heart health.

(...list continued from last week)



Lose Weight If you have too much fat – especially if a lot of it is at your waist – you're at higher risk for such health problems as high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol and diabetes. And you're not alone! More than 2/3 of our American adult population is overweight, with 1/3 of us in the obese category. These statistics are especially concerning since obesity is now recognized as a major, independent risk factor for heart disease.

Reduce Blood Sugar If your fasting blood sugar level is below 100, you are in the healthy range. If not, your results could indicate diabetes or pre-diabetes. Lowered blood sugar helps protect your vital organs. When you reduce excessive sugars, you are giving yourself the best chance for a healthy life. The American Heart Association considers diabetes one of the six major controllable risk factors for cardiovascular disease.

Stop Smoking Did you know that smoking damages your entire circulatory system, and increases your risk for coronary heart disease, hardened arteries, aneurysm and blood clots? Like a line of tumbling dominoes, one risk creates another. Blood clots and hardened arteries increase your risks for heart attack, stroke and peripheral artery disease. Smoking can also reduce your good cholesterol (HDL) and your lung capacity, making it harder to get the physical activity you need for better health.

Learn how to live a healthier life: visit www.heart.org. Got Questions? 1-800-464-7142

Source: American Heart Association

[This is not medical advice. Please consult with your doctor.]

SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CMSE) CLASSES

All classes are in CC#1, 6:30 pm. Next re-certification classes are **March 12, April 9 & May 14**

Please check your cards for expiration date and update if your card is expired.

Thanks So Much

A big supply of greeting cards has been collected to be included in the CARE packs that are sent to the military on active duty. Thank you very much for your contributions to this drive to supply our service personnel with these items that they can send to their friends and relatives.

Jesus Christ Son of God & Savior

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Mass Intentions



Sat. 3/2	8:15AM	Carolyn Whitmire's Anniv. by Joanie Whitmire
	5:30PM	Father Bill Herry by Art & Mary Salinas
Sun. 3/3	8:00AM	Chris & John Janosek by Austin & Brittany Janosek
	10:00AM	Jose Arellano's Ints. by Elva Arellano Rodriguez
	12:00PM	Alvino Campos by Stella Campos Teresa Nava by Dolores Puckett
	5:30PM	For the Parishioners
Mon. 3/4	6:30AM	Terry Duplessis Schachrl by Henry & Frances Vesely
	8:15AM	Isabel Falla & Cristina Fabar by Mary Longoria
Tue. 3/5	6:30AM	Le Thi Phude by Tu & Thanh
	8:15AM	Jean McCullough by Camille Habeeb
Wed. 3/6	6:30AM	Gio A. Kim Nguyen by Lisa Nguyen
	8:15AM	Annie Dornak's 90th Birthday Ints by the Wik family
	5:30PM	Emil Krejci by Chuck Gross Filiberto Martinez by Carolyn Canchola Bruce A. Krnavek Sr. by Pat Janosek Mary Agnes Reik, Anniv., by Pat Riek
Thu. 3/7	6:30AM	Michael Szepessy by James & Chris Salem-Carr
	8:15AM	Frances Vrazel by Anna Vrazel
Fri. 3/8	6:30AM	Rodolfo F. Lopez by Rosa Rodriguez
	8:15AM	Richard Rodriguez by Elva Garza
	5:30PM	Lucille Pacheco by Penny Pacheco
Sat. 3/9	8:15AM	Johnny Ley by Ley & Ellsworth families
	5:30PM	Lester Cunningham's Anniv. by Carolyn Buehrig
Sun. 3/10	8:00AM	For the Parishioners
	10:00AM	Arturo Vasquez, Anniv. by Marie Vasquez
	12:00PM	Filiberto Martinez by Carolyn Canchola
	5:30PM	Gilbert Schanen by Nancy Schanen
	7:30PM	Le Thi Phude by Tu & Thanh

Travel Plans

Anyone wanting to travel to St. Mary-of-the-Woods between April 10 and 16th can call Sister Barbara Bluntzer at 361-945-3976 for further information. The Woods is a beautiful place: one of pilgrimage, prayer and rejuvenation. It is the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence, near Terre Haute, Indiana.

I AM



This is my name for all generations

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Marcie Aguilar, Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Manuel Balbin, Madison Beckwith, Ann Bednorz, Don Birt, Sgt. 1st Class William Boone, Bill Brumback, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Sherry Coveyou, Jason Cox, Shirley Curry, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Liz Elovitz, Yolanda Escobar, Juan A. Flores, Bobby Floyd, Esperanza Garcia, Raymond Garcia, Jr., Terry Garza, Elida Gonzalez, Glenda Graham, Vickie Grainger, Maria Griffin, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Coleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, Joe Hardeman, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Cathy Hervey, Chris Holland, Graham Hughes, Lucas Jean-Baptiste Ramirez, Matteo Jean-Baptiste Ramirez, Elizabeth Johnson, Martha Kaler, Mary Kelly, Dorothy Krause, Arlene Leep, Ed Lewis, Alois Lup, Arlene Lup, Cynthia Lup, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, Johnnye Lee Mokry, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Blanca Neipert, Anna Nicolas, Toufic Nicolas, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Dolores Pucket, Ron Randolph, Raymond Richter, Marguerite Ross, Luis Salazar, Tim Salch, Janie San Miguel & children, Amber Saylor, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Lydia Tey, Idolina Vela, Luz Villarreal, Melva Walet, Bea Wilson, Dolly Zihelli, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

Financial Report for week ending 2/24/2013

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection.....	\$ 24,194.72
Other Income.....	\$ 228.05
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 24,422.77

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity	\$ 461.00
Janosek Scholarship	\$ 25.00
Black/Indian Mission.....	\$ 121.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 118.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 725.00

Total Contributions 2/24/2013.....\$ 25,147.77

Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of February 25, 2013\$ 929,547.50



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