



March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church



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Mass Schedule Sunday

English 10:00am

Spanish 12:30am

Classes 11:15am

Monday-Wednesday 12:00pm

First Communions

May 6, 2018

Confirmations

May 27, 2018

Confessions

Sundays 8:45-9:45 AM

Mon-Wed. by appointment

Adoration

April 7, 2018 from 5pm to midnight.

Rosary Ministry

Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364

Knight of Columbus

Round table meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Next: March 13, 2018

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath. If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)? We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking. - Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc



LIVE BY THE RULES

Life might be easier if there were just a list of rules that we could follow. There is such a list in Exodus. Rules offer the false sense of security that if we follow them then we will have done enough. Our Christian faith, however, is rooted not in rules, but in Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection defy all the rules. Jesus knew that strength is born of weakness and wisdom born of foolishness. Jesus' life embodies that paradox. What Jesus knew when he went up to Jerusalem and entered the temple area was that his Father's house had been made a marketplace, a place of commerce, transactions, and exchange of goods for money. What the temple represents, who Jesus is, is a relationship, an ongoing relationship of one soul to another, of our souls to God.

RISE IN RELATIONSHIP

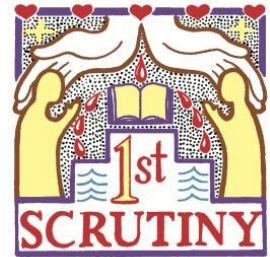
Rules are the most basic and primitive way to shape our behavior in accordance with larger principles and truths that go beyond rules. The rule says "You shall not kill," but the truth is that all life is sacred and must be protected and safeguarded. The rule is the least you can do. Jesus lived as if he were required to do not the least but the most. He lived as if he must not just protect and safeguard the lives before him. He lived as if he must sacrifice his own life for the lives of others. Jesus understood that the rules were not just about avoiding certain acts but were also about embracing certain truths. Not only must one not kill, one must have the strength to give one's own life for others if that is required. One must not lie but must speak the truth even when to do so seems foolish. These rules outline for us the beginning of our understanding of strength born of weakness, wisdom born of foolishness. Jesus shows us how much is really required.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinizes and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple. Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

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Stations of The Cross

Every Friday at 7:00 PM Bilingual.



"Holy Week"

March 7 at 6:00 PM we will be having supper followed by a presentation *All About Holy Week* directed by Deacon Ray Brown.



Giving Sunday

Next Sunday *March 11* is our Giving Sunday. Please bring Personal Hygiene items to donate to the needy. Our second collection will be for *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*.



Teenagers Gathering

We will be hosting a teenagers gathering to speak openly about drugs and sex, which as we know is everywhere around our loved ones. It will be Saturday March 24 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Your \$10 donations will cover all day events.



Adult Faith Formation Classes

We will be meeting in the Church Conference Room at 11:30am on Sundays. It is open to any adults interested in learning about the Church and our Catholic Faith. For further information, contact our office or Mrs. Lukens at: **229-794-9140**.



February 25, 2018

Blessed

Collections

Regular Collection	\$1441.50
Building Fund	\$2249.00

Let us pray for the health of:

Abbigail Christiano, Tripp Lasseter,
Fr. Marvin LeFrois & Nathan,
Mary Southerland, Reyna Soto

For the Eternal rest of:

All Souls

