

Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

The Story and You™



Sacred Conversation

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Is the Lord in our midst or not? Now there's a question. Once they passed safely into the desert—with its challenges of hunger and thirst—the Hebrew slaves began questioning whether the Divine Power that parted the sea for them was really just all in their minds. Perhaps it was collective hysteria. But—ahem—how WAS it that they were now safely on the other side? Isn't that exactly how the life of faith goes? We position ourselves to receive every gift God pours out on us. We can name the thousands of ways God is gracious to us. But drought and fire, illness and heart-breaking death, war and starving refugees remain. Is the nearness of God just wishful thinking?

The reason the Church gives us that refrain from Psalm 95 so often—*if today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts*—is because every single day we can make a decision for or against the nearness of God. We were sustained through the night and woke up feeling wonderful. Yes, God is near. The morning news is filled with images of terror and injustice all over the world. No, God is clearly not in our midst at all.

In our particular moment in history there are more and more baptized Christians transitioning to a place of a hardened heart. The world is too full of sadness for them to find a way to accept that there is a loving God “with us.”

The daily decision to not harden our hearts is exactly what is required of a believer. We don't believe because the kingdom is fulfilled. We choose to wait in joyful hope—and work for justice every day— until it is.

In what ways will you soften your heart today?

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La Historia y Usted™



Conversaciones Sagradas

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

¿Está Dios en medio de nosotros o no? He ahí la pregunta. Una vez que habían llegado sanos y salvos al desierto- al enfrentar los retos del hambre y la sed- los esclavos hebreos comenzaron a cuestionarse si el Poder Divino que dividió el mar

para que ellos pasaran estaría solo en sus cabezas. Tal vez era una histeria colectiva. Pero- Ejem- ¿Cómo podía ser que ahora estuviesen sanos y salvos del otro lado?

¿Y que no es justamente así como funciona la vida de la fe? Nos disponemos a recibir todo regalo que Dios derrama sobre nosotros. Podemos nombrar miles de maneras en las cuales Dios ha sido generoso con nosotros. Pero la sequía y el fuego, la enfermedad y la muerte devastadora, la guerra y los refugiados muriéndose de hambre todavía permanecen. ¿Será que la cercanía de Dios es solamente una ilusión?

La razón por la cual la Iglesia nos da ese refrán del Salmo 95 tan a menudo- *Y si escuchan hoy su voz, no endurezcan su corazón*- es porque todos los días tenemos la decisión de creer o no en la cercanía de Dios. Nos sostuvo durante la noche y despertamos sintiéndonos de maravillas. Sí, Dios está cerca. Las noticias matutinas están llenas de imágenes de terror e injusticia por todo el mundo. No, Dios claramente no está entre nosotros.

En este momento particular de la historia hay más y más cristianos volviéndose duros de corazón. El mundo está demasiado lleno de tristeza para que ellos puedan encontrar una manera de aceptar que existe un Dios amoroso “entre nosotros.”

La decisión diaria de no endurecer nuestro corazón es exactamente lo que se requiere de un creyente. No creemos porque las promesas del reino hayan sido cumplidas. Elegimos esperar con alegre esperanza- y luchar por la justicia cada día- hasta que sean cumplidas.

En que maneras vas a ablandar tu corazón hoy?

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Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—

Paul Maas, Ed Tomsic, LeRoy Kress, Guadalupe Garcia, Bud Lang, Sarah Salazar, Phillip Gallegos, Angela Gallegos, Ron Peterson, Tate Hallahan, Roger & Dolores Esquibel, Jenny Martinez, Deacon Jerry Kotas, Clarita Rubio, Jana Purdy

Community Ministry needs—**Canned and Dry Beans** for the month of March. You can place your donation in the basket in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Around the Parish and the Community

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Mar 19 10:15 am

*Children's Faith Formation

*Secrets of Scripture

Mar 20 6:30 pm

*Confirmation Class

Mar 21 7:00 pm

* RCIA Adults

Mar 24 6:30 pm

*Lenten Series – Week 4

7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross/Adoration/
Confessions

Mar 25 10 am to 1 pm

Parent/Child Retreat – RCIA kids &
Confirmation Gr. 4-5

Mar 26 10:15 am

*Children's Faith Formation

*Secrets of Scripture

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MINI LENTEN RETREAT

Join us for Part 2 of *Open Our Eyes*, a workshop offered by Kathy McGovern, author of our parish scripture column *The Story and You*. Our series will continue this Sunday, March 19 and conclude on Sunday, March 26. The time is 1:00 pm in the church. We will have light refreshments. Even if you were unable to come to the first session, you can still participate!

BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK!

It's that time of year again! We will be selling Butter Braid pastries, just in time for your Easter dinner! We will begin our fundraiser NEXT WEEKEND, March 24/25, and continue through the weekend of April 1/2. These make wonderful treats for that special brunch or dinner. They also make great gifts! Stock up! Proceeds this year will go toward general maintenance needs for the church.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – OPERATION RICE BOWL

This year, our Faith Formation families will be participating in Operation Rice Bowl, an annual global Lenten project offered by Catholic Relief Services. We still have a few Rice Bowls left, so if you would like to take one home and invite your family to participate, please take one of the bowls from the table in the vestibule. We are asking folks to send their donation directly to Catholic Relief Services directly in the form of a check or money order. The address is on the booklet contained in the kit, or you can go to www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

2017 Lenten Schedule

March 19—1:00 pm Adult Workshop

-*OPEN OUR EYES, LORD, PART 2*

—Kathy McGovern

March 24—6:30 pm Lenten Series-*HOLY THURSDAY*

7:30 pm Adoration/Confessions/Benediction

March 26—1:00 pm Adult Workshop

-*OPEN OUR EYES, LORD, PART 3*

—Kathy McGovern

March 31—6:30 pm Lenten Series-*GOOD FRIDAY*

7:30 pm Adoration/Confessions/Benediction

April 7—6:30 pm Lenten Series-*THE EASTER VIGIL*

7:30 pm Adoration/Confessions/Benediction

April 9—Palm Sunday—Holy Week begins

April 13—Holy Thursday (no morning Mass)

7:00 pm *MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*

April 14—Good Friday (no morning Mass)

Noon *SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST*

3:00 pm *TENEBRAE*

7:00 pm *PASSION OF THE LORD*

April 15—Holy Saturday—8:00 pm *EASTER VIGIL*

April 16—Easter Sunday—9:00 am & 11:30 am Masses

For all high school men open to discerning a call to the priesthood: RAD Retreat at St John Vianney Seminary. April 30, 2017, 9am—4pm. Online registration: www.DenverSeminarrians.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 18
4:00pm +Walter Kissell
by Sharon & Mary Kissell

Sunday March 19
9:00am +Tony Valdez by Richard Davis
+Darryl Gallegos
by Joe & Anna Gallegos
11:30am People of the Parish

Monday March 20
8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday March 21
8:15am +Mary Rowe by family

Wednesday March 22
8:30am Inez Duke by family

Thursday March 23
8:30am Richard Freehling by family

Friday March 24
8:30am +Clara Bonner by family

Saturday March 25
4:00 pm +Phyllis Clark by family

Sunday March 26
9am +Chuck Bauer by Marie Bauer
+Tony Valdez by Bean family
11:30am People of the Parish

Readings for the week of March 19, 2017

Sunday Ex 17: 3-7//Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8//Jn 4: 5-42
Monday 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16//Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22//Mt 1: 16, 18-22, 24a
Tuesday Dn 3: 25, 34-43//Mt 18: 21-35
Wednesday Dt 4: 1, 5-9//Mt 5: 17-19
Thursday Jer 7: 23-28//Lk 11: 14-23
Friday Hos 14: 2-10//Mk 12: 28-34
Saturday Is 7: 10-14, 8: 10//Heb 10: 4-10//Lk 1: 26-38

COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOOD BANK

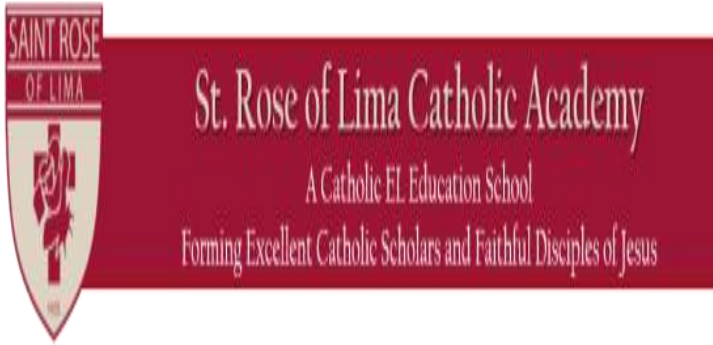
Don't forget about the "Celebration of the Heart" to support our local food bank. It is on the evening of April 1, at Pinehurst Country Club. Join us for a fun evening with lots of great entertainment and the opportunity to help our own. To get tickets, call 303.935.3428.

WINNERS OF THE CLUB 50 for the month of March are:

\$ 100 Michelle Madrid
\$ 50 Mary & Daniel Rhode
\$ 50 Jeff & Colleen Masterson

--but everyone who bought a ticket is a winner. Your ticket purchase helps support the good works of the Holy Name Society. Thank you for your generosity!

BOTTOM LINE DIAPER BANK—Looking for a Lenten Project? During Lent we are collecting DIAPERS for Catholic Charities. So buy 'em and drop 'em at the back of the church. You can't go wrong with diapers any size!



THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON !!

Kathy McGovern offers the second part of her three-Sunday series of Lenten retreat talks—*OPEN MY EYES, LORD*. Be sure to join us. Kathy's accompanying booklet is included.

*Don't forget to do your spring shopping at **AMAZON SMILE!*** You can help the parish get 0.5 % back on each purchase. Woo Hoo!

In Lent, each Friday is a day of abstinence. A day of abstinence means to refrain from eating meat.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence as well as days of fasting.

A day of fasting consists of one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal another full meal.

Each Catholic who has received their First Communion is expected to receive Communion at least once a year, but especially in the Easter season.

Consequently, this means that every Catholic who has received their First Communion should celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation before Pentecost Sunday. Abstinence is a requirement of each Catholic from age 14 onward.

Fasting is a requirement of each Catholic from age 18 to 59.



School Days—Saint Rose of Lima is an amazing place to learn. We still have a few spots open for 2017-2018. Those places are for the incoming First, Second, Third, and Fifth grade classes. Give a call to the School Executive Assistant—Esther Gutierrez and schedule a tour. Don't let the school year set sail without your child on board!

OPEN HOUSE—for middle school—Thursday-March 23-1:00pm to 2:30pm

AAANNDDDD—Expeditionary Learning

Night Open House—April 27, 6:00pm

...And speaking of school...UES can assist to make Catholic Education affordable, regardless of financial situations. UES is having an informational meeting on Saturday, March 25, 9:00am at Bishop Machebuef High School, 458 Uinta Way, Denver, 80230. Spanish translation is available. For more info—303.573.7UES, for Spanish, 1.844.240.5559 (toll free).