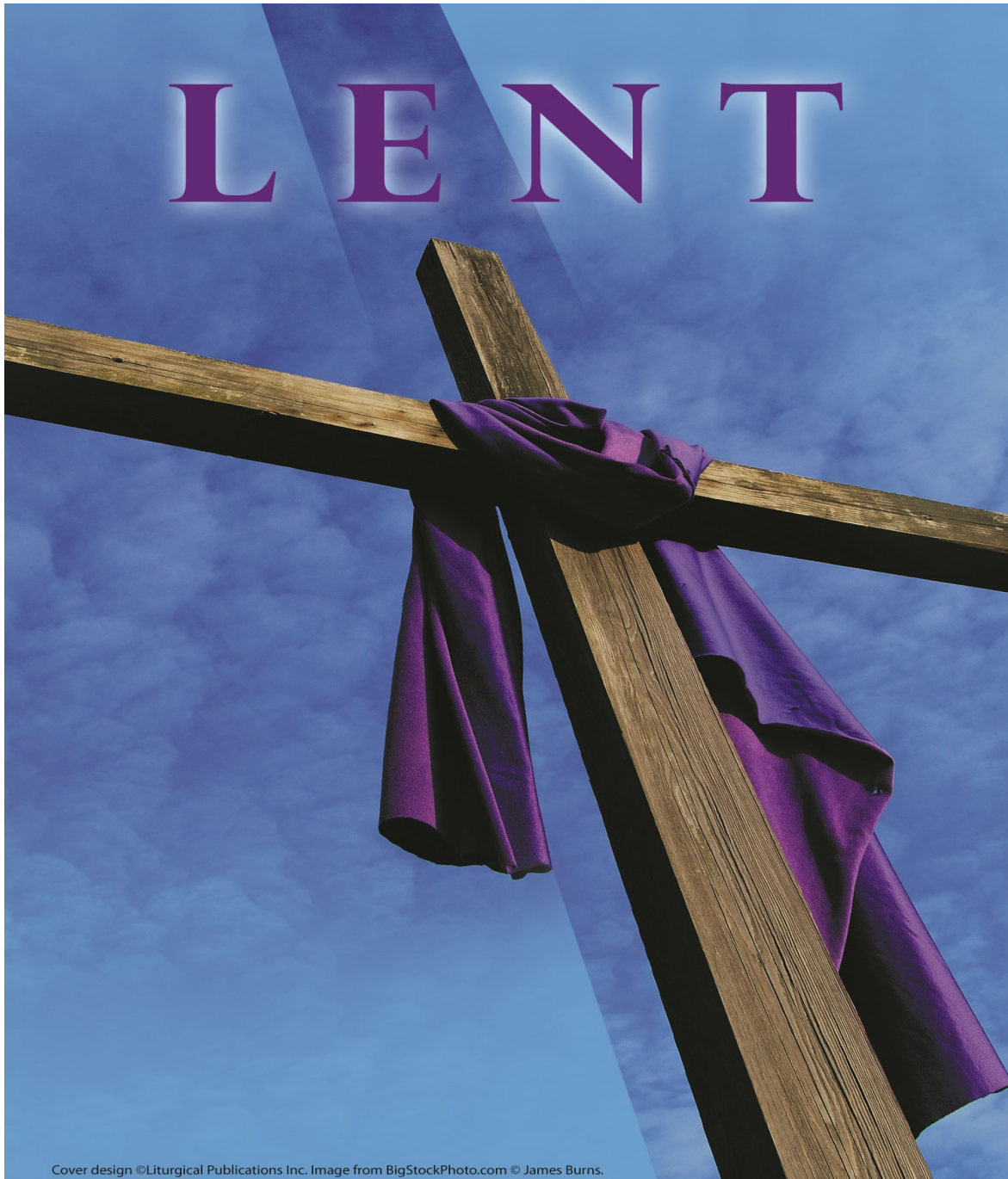


Saint John Catholic Church Iglesia Católica San Juan

February 18, 2018 – first Sunday of Lent
18 de febrero de 2018 — Primer Domingo de Cuaresma



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday5:30 p.m.
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 ..Wednesday and Friday 12 noon
CONFESSIONS (Saturday)..... 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo.....12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves 8:30 a.m (Ingles)
 ..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio día
CONFESIONES (Sábado)..... 4:30 p.m. o por cita

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2018
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass soul of Barbara Greene

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2018
 9:00 AM Mass parishioners St. John, St. Patrick & St Peter
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa Emilia Cervantes

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2018
 12:00 Noon **NO MASS**
 12:00 Noon Lenten Service at HS United Methodist

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2018
 8:30 AM Mass

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2018
 12:00 Noon Mass soul of Vince Mazano

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2018
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass soul of Shirley Hughes

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2018
 9:00 AM Mass birthday of Dan Mages
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

Readings for the Week of February 18, 2018

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY NOON MASSES DURING LENT. JOIN US FOR THE LENTEN SERVICES AT NEIGHBORING CHURCHES.



Pray for

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Keith Pinney, Rudy Caló'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard Painter, Deborah Shorter, Maxine

DiMarino, Melanie Patterson, Lillan Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez, Sherry Wright, David Stull, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Sulma Rojas, Elena Chavez, Doris Bartlett, Shirley Griffy, Fred Brown.

February 10 & 11, 2018

Weekly

Actual \$3,800
 Budget \$5,266
 Difference (\$1,466)

Year to Date

Actual \$150,518
 Budget \$173,778
 Difference (\$23,260)

Debt Reduction \$1860
\$2308
 Difference \$448

Remaining Debt Balance \$32,330

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
66	163	220

The item being collected for **FISH** for **February laundry detergent**

En el mes de **febrero** necesitamos **Detergente para Ropa**

Remember you are dust and you will return to dust. Those are welcoming words of Lent. We are going to die. We are made up of dust and will eventually turn back into that dust. But do not be sad. Do not be down. You are not without hope. You are not without the wonderful prospect of restoration in Christ. Death can be such a sad thing. We as Christians can deal with it, but it is still hard. Without Christ, death is irreconcilable. Christ turns death 'on its head.' You see, death for a non-believer is the end of the party. It's the 'last call' of a great evening. It's when the ride is over and you have to get off. That stinks. But for the believer, the believer has lived a different sort of life. The believer has not excessively partaken of those delights of the party. They have withheld, been moderate, and kept their passions in check. That's why for the believer, death is the great release. Death for the believer is freedom from having to deal with the troubles of being sick. Death for the believer is freedom from the temptations they have been fighting against their entire lives. Death for the believer is getting off of work on a Friday night and having a 3-day weekend ahead of you...better yet...it's like getting off of work on a Friday of the last week of your work before you retire. That's a pretty good feeling. Lent is time to step back and regain our focus. As Christians, as believers we are not supposed to live like non-believers. We have a different perspective on life and on death and it should be evident in how we live. If it is not, we need to take advantage of the graces of Lent to reorder things. I hope your Lent is off to a good start, that you are praying more, fasting more, and giving more. Fr Rossi

There will be **NO Penance service** during Lent. Confessions will be heard before and after all Masses and/or by appointment.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY FEBRAURY 19 FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY. ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY.

CONDOLENCES
 St. John's family extends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of parishioner Joan Taylor on the loss of her grandson Daniel Gary in an auto accident this past week. Deepest sympathy also to the family and friends of parishioner Anita French on the loss of her sister Florisa Garcia. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Thank you
 The family of Barbara A. Greene wishes to acknowledge with great appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them. May God continue to bless each of you. We would like to extend a special thanks to the St. John Catholic Church family and the Council of Women. The Greene Family.

Lenten Fish Dinner Sponsorship Opportunity
 Lenten dinners will be here before you know it. In order to keep our prices the same as last year we need sponsors. Please take a look at these sponsorship opportunities and let us know if you can help us and help our community:

Fish -	\$1,700
Sea Food -	\$200
Vegetable Oil & Margarine	\$300
Breading & Hushpuppy & Mac&Cheese	\$200
Big Potatoes & French Fries	\$300
Dressings -	\$250
Produce -	\$350
Coffee, Ice Tea, Sugar	\$200 \$5
Paper Product -	\$500


Please consider sponsoring any of the above items or give a donation of a portion of the total amount. All amounts of donations help.
 Thank you in advance. The Lenten Fish Team

Stations of the Cross will be at 6:30 on Friday nights. There is a sign up sheet in the commons area for you to lead the service.

RICE BOWL
 Once again we will be participating in the Rice Bowl Operation. Don't forget to pick up your bowl from the counter.

Attention!!! Please return the keys you have been issued for use in the church or social hall, in the past, that you no longer need. We need these keys for other purposes. Thank you

Looking for a Ministry? Perhaps you want to fulfill a New Year's resolution? Well, maybe this ministry is for you. We are in need of someone to be in charge of flowers and decorations during the most important seasons of the year, Christmas and Easter. Please give us a call at the office if you would like to volunteer or would like more information.



Christians throughout Richmond are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from February 14 through March 25. We will be dedicating 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in our city. A peaceful vigil of prayer will also be held outside of the Richmond Medical Center for Women abortion clinic at 118 N. Boulevard next to the Virginia Museum of Fine Art from 7 am to 7 pm each of these 40 Days. Please sign up to pray for an hour at the vigil any day you can, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. For more information, contact: Ann Niermeyer, 804-714-5170. Sign up at: www.40daysforlife.com/Richmond or email ATNiermeyer@aol.com