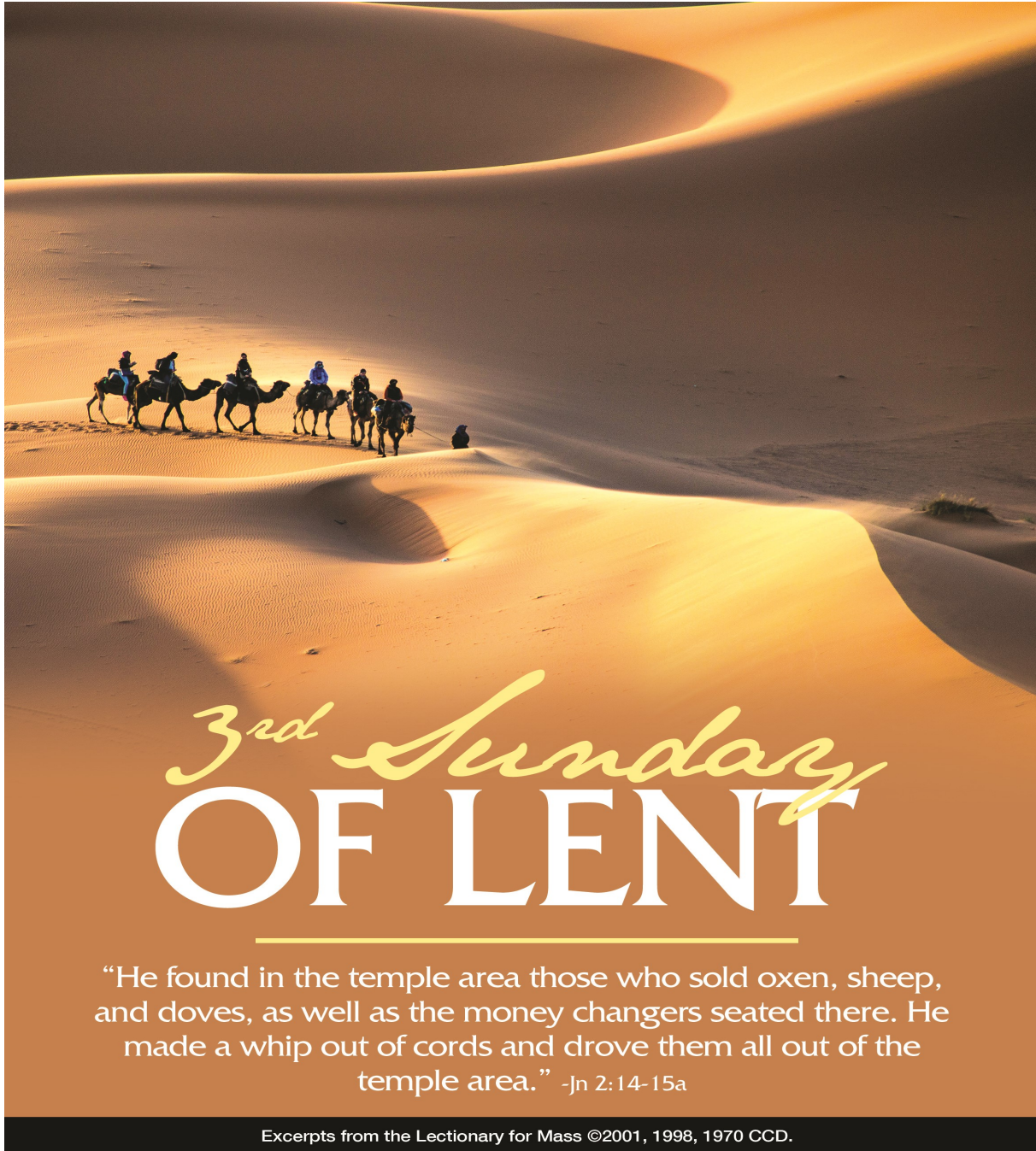


Saint John Catholic Church Iglesia Católica San Juan

March 4, 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent
4 de marzo de 2018 — Tercer domingo de Cuaresma



3rd Sunday OF LENT

“He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area.” -Jn 2:14-15a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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	MARCH 3, 2018
4:30 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Mass soul of Barbara Greene
SUNDAY	MARCH 4, 2018
9:00 AM	Mass Soul of Florisa Garcia
10:00 AM	Rosary
12:15 PM	Misa por Jose Guadalupe Garcia
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 7, 2018
12:00 Noon	NO MASS
12:00 Noon	Lenten Service at Redeeming Love
THURSDAY	MARCH 8, 2018
8:30 AM	Mass for the soul of Julio Penarrieta
FRIDAY	MARCH 9, 2018
12:00 Noon	Mass for the soul of Shirley Hughes
SATURDAY	MARCH 10, 2018
4:30 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Mass soul of Barbara Green
SUNDAY	MARCH 11, 2018
9:00 AM	Mass parishioners St. John, St. Patrick & St Peter
10:00 AM	Rosary
12:15 PM	Misa por los pardes of Javier Lara

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/
RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:**
Pray for

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

Marino, 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 Griffey, Fred Brown.

The item being collected for **FISH** for **March Canned Salmon & Brunswick Stew**

En el mes de **marzo** necesitamos **Salmon enlatado y Estofado de Carne**



And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." - Jn 2:16-17

Readings for the Week of March 4, 2018

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25.
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 1 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21.
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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

Stations of the Cross will be at 6:30 on Friday nights.

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

February 24 & 25, 2018

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MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
92	128	180

The horrible events in Florida two weeks ago are still fresh in our minds. How awful. What a different world this is compared to the world my grandparents grew up in.

As our country is crazy about politics, the event, because it was so emotionally powerful, has been used by many to persuade others of what is wrong with our country... 'if only we do this...if only we make this change...then we wouldn't have horrible things like this happen.'" Mostly the debate is about guns and security.

This was a devastating event. Horrible and very sad. It will change the lives of all those effected probably for the rest of their lives.

But what is also sad is how little is said about the real root of the problem.

Most tend to focus on things that, while they think to themselves they are the main issue are in fact peripheral. Most do not discuss the main issues because they are afraid to discuss them, are rebellious against truth, or they are entirely ignorant to the real causes.

There are two things that are painfully absent from the discussion of why these things continue to happen again and again.

The first can be summed up by an email a parishioner sent. The email is a picture of a sweatshirt. On the sweatshirt is a print, in which is quoted a conversation between God and a student. The conversation goes like this: "dear God, why do you allow so much violence in our schools? signed, a concerned student." Underneath is the response: "dear concerned student, I'm not allowed in schools. signed, God."

God has been systematically removed from schools in our country. God does not force himself upon anyone. He comes by invitation only. If those in charge of schools desire him to be eliminated from the minds of students and from their daily study and routine, He will not force himself on them. God's presence provides protection from evil. It is as simple as that. Evil tempts people to do evil things. The presence of God in the minds and heart of people in any location gives them strength to resist evil. It gives them hope when they might otherwise fall into despair. Children in schools have been deprived of their most supportive life-coach, their most loving Dad, their best friend - God. Adults are supposed to set the tone of an environment for children. Adults in this country have set a tone of agnosticism at best, and atheism as worst in public schools.

The second issue that no one discusses but that is more primary than the other issues being used as political hockey pucks, is the absolute destruction of the family during the last century. Divorce rates have gone from single digits to 50%. 40% of kids are born to unwed mothers. 25% of kids are being raised without a father. 35% of these are statistically poor because of this. No fault divorce and now the terrible attempt by society to redefine what marriage is, have undermined marriage and in doing so have destroyed the glue that keeps families together and faithful to one another. Children more and more are being raised without a dad to imitate, by a mom who is emotionally scarred, and in an increasingly less-godly environment. They rarely hear the message of proper human conduct as given us by the scriptures and less and less have good role models in their lives like parents. Rather, dark and perverted YouTube videos and other abhorrent things on the internet fill their mind, literally all day long, as they worship at the new font of knowledge, their smart phone.

The young man who committed these awful acts should not have excuses made for him. We are all responsible for our own actions. He should suffer the penalty for his crime. But I for one will confess that I would be an awful human being had it not been for the purifying presence of God in my life and the witness of two faithful parents. And if we as a country want to stop having these awful things occur, God must be welcomed back into those places where he has been disinvited, and our families have to again become places that grow us into decent human beings.

Fr Rossi

Lenten Fish Dinner - Sponsorship Opportunity

Lenten dinners are going great, thanks to you. We are keeping our prices the same as last year. We need help with sponsorships, however. Please review these sponsorship opportunities and let us know if you can help our community.

Fish - \$1,700 — \$120 \$1,580

2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Welcome to the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal

As I begin my ministry as the 13th Bishop of Richmond, I think about how far this Diocese has come since its inception in 1820. In recent years, one of the key components of advancing our Catholic Faith has been the Annual Diocesan Appeal. It has become a part of the fabric that binds us together as a family of faith. When our larger ministries and parishes receive funding through the Appeal, we as a Church are ensuring that they can thrive today while building for tomorrow. With a grateful heart, I hope all parishioners of Saint Peter will join with us this year to accomplish our most challenging goal to date of \$3,117,096. Please know that whatever level you contribute; your gift will be most humbly received. Sincerely in Christ, Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout
Diocese of Richmond

Schedule for Wednesday 12:10 pm Lenten Services

March 7 Redeeming Love (Fr Frank will be the speaker)

March 14 Imani

March 21 Village Presbyterian

March 28 Broken Bread

March 30 Walking Stations start at St. John

The COUNCIL OF WOMEN YARD AND BAKE SALE will

be here on May 12. Now is not too early to start your spring cleaning and donate your usable items. We are now accepting calls and making arrangements to get your donations to our storage shed. If you plan to move or downsize we love what you have! Just call Dianne Cassady 840-8642 or Pat Hinton 746-5842 and we will be glad to make arrangements to get it to our shed. We are unable to sell electronics, adult clothes or mattresses.

Are you getting a tax refund? Consider a year's membership in the SJP 500 Club. For \$5.00 a month you will be in a drawing for prizes of \$500, \$200 and six \$50. There are eight chances to win! Purchase eleven months at \$55.00 and receive the twelfth month free. Profits go to St. John's. Join now! Applications are near the front door on the wall shelf. Or call Diana Young (804) 647-5665.

The Knights of Columbus Council 6936 will be having a Brunswick Stew Sale on Saturday March 10 from noon until 2:00. Quarts of stew will be \$8.00. Stew may be picked up on that day in the tent in front of St. Johns. To ensure that you don't miss out you may reserve a quart(s) in advance by signing up for the sale in the commons area. If you are unable to pick up your reserved order on Saturday, March 10th, you may pick up your order after any of the weekend masses. Any quarts left over will also be available on a first come first serve basis after all reserved orders have been filled. Thank you for your support.