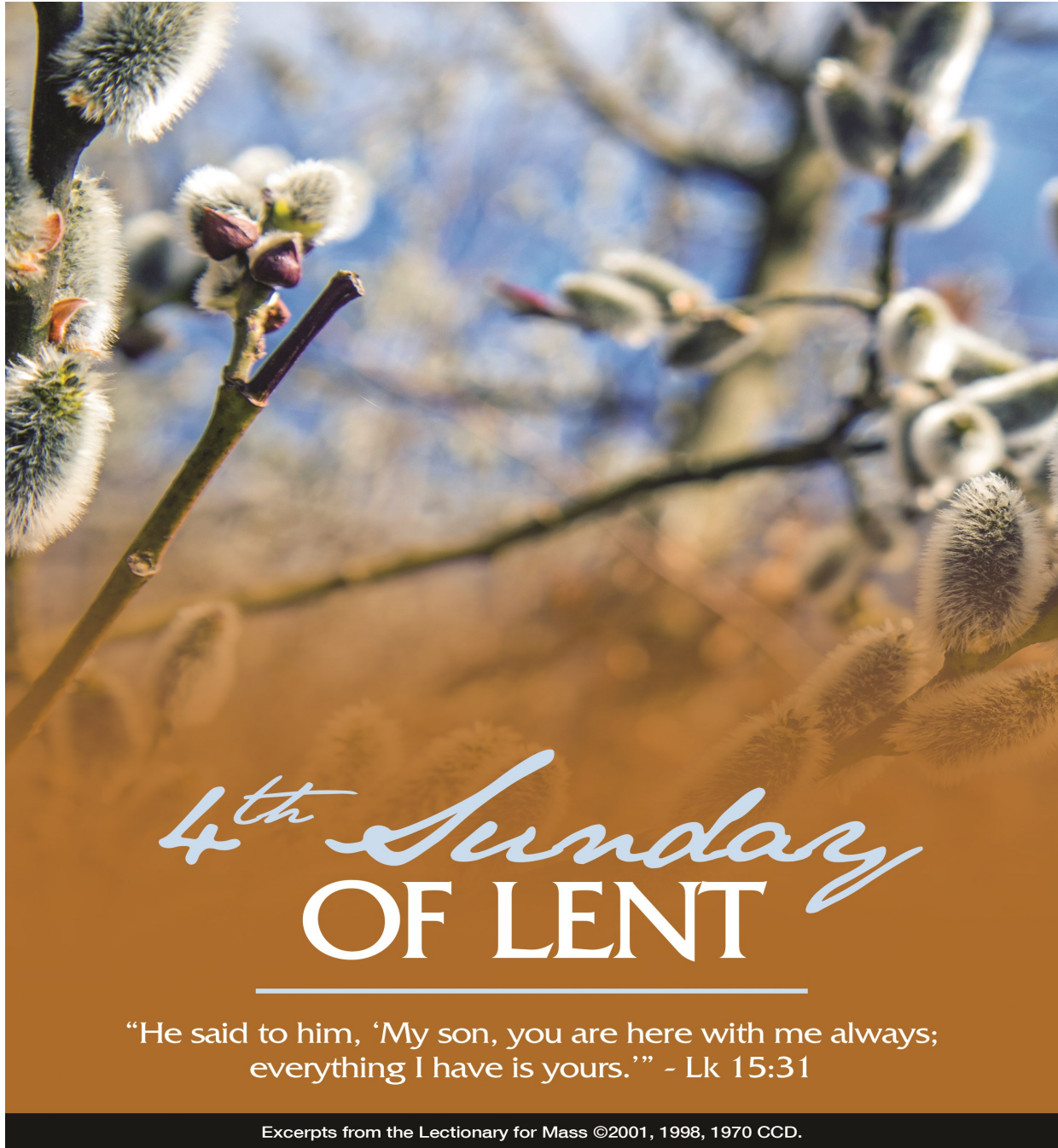


Saint John Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan

March 31, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Lent
31 de marzo de 2019 - Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma



4th Sunday OF LENT

“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always;
everything I have is yours.’” - Lk 15:31

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
CONFESSIONES (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 30, 2019
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass

SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2019
 9:00 AM Mass St. John, St. Peter and St. Patrick parishioners
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa por Maria de los Angeles Esquivel

WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2019
 12:00 NOON Lenten Services Redeeming Love

THURSDAY APRIL 4, 2019
 8:30 AM Mass

FRIDAY APRIL 5, 2019
 12:00 Noon Mass

SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2019
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass for soul of Dan Hinton

SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2019
 9:00 AM Mass souls David & Margaret Pulliam
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa por Feliciano Puluc

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON

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

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES: Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat Nolte, Richard Painter, Maxine DiMarino, Melanie Patterson, Lillian Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Esperanza Godinez, Sherry Wright, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Martha Livingston, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Sulma Rojas, Elena Chavez, Doris Bartlett, Lynn Miskimon, Suzanne DiMarino, , Ruth and Donald Barock, Jeff Kenschak, Virginia Saunders, Gerry Biartel, Fred Brown, Ewing Family, Jones Family, Beverly Burrow, Marie Ellett, Evelyn Clatterback, Dick Wassel, Bobby and Christie Osterloh.



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

Readings for the week of March 31, 2019

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
 Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/ Jn 8:1-11

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Weekly	Year to date
Actual \$3,925.00	Actual \$123,493.06
Budget \$4,807.00	Budget \$182,666.00
Difference (\$882.00)	Difference (\$59,172.94)

MASS ATTENDENCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
90	160	190

If someone you know is sick, hospitalized or home bound and would like our Eucharistic minister or a priest to visit, please call the office. **Unless you call we have no way of knowing.** If you need a priest for someone who is dying or gravely ill, call our emergency number **804-402-1221.**

The item being collected for **FISH** for **March Bar Soap**
 En el mes de **marzo** necesitamos **Jaboncillo**

Pastor Message

If you every wonder why Father Rossi is continually talking about confession and reminding folks to go to confession (everyone should go during Lent – we have to as Catholics go at least once per year...and we have confessions available 30 minutes before and after every weekend Mass during Lent) is because of the Gospel reading this weekend.

Some of you may be hearing the account of Jesus healing the man born blind. If you heard this reading this weekend, then you likely also had a short prayer for the people who are becoming Catholic after the homily. This is called the 'scrutiny' and is part of the RCIA process and is actually a prayer of exorcism over the unbaptized who are in the process of becoming baptized and will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

But if you do not have scrutinies at your parish this weekend then you heard the Gospel account of Jesus telling the story of the prodigal son. Remember this story. It is the account of the older and younger son, the younger one takes his inheritance and squanders it on a life of immorality. Remember the story? The older son is faithful to his dad and works hard every day while the younger one takes and wastes his money that the dad gave him. But then, once the younger son is broke and poor, he decides to crawl back to the dad and beg him to please at least be able to be a hired worker on the farm just to at least be able to get a few scrapes of food.

Remember what the dad does when he sees the younger son crawling back to beg to be at least given a job as a hired worker? What does he do?

The dad runs up to the younger son, puts a ring on his finger, gives him fine cloths and welcomes him back fully. He even throws a party for him, which upsets the older son who was a little envious of the embellishment that the younger son was receiving in spite of him wasting all his dad's money.

So I come back to why does Fr Rossi continually annoy and remind people go to confession. Why is Fr Rossi such a broken record? Because you call me "Father" and that is what I am...that is what a priest is...your priests are the 'dad' of the story of the prodigal son.

There is nothing that gives meaning to a priest's life as does saying Mass and welcoming back into the faith someone who has been away a long time from the sacrament of Confession. One opportunity to welcome back in the confessional someone who has been away for many years is worth all the headache to get through seminary and all the other sacrifices that priest's make (simplicity of life, celibacy and obedience). Just once makes it all worth it. Welcoming back someone who has been away a long time, like the dad in the story of the prodigal son, is what gives meaning to a priest's life.

So that is why I continually talk about confession and remind folks to go to confession, especially those who have been away a long time. What God does in the confessional is amazing, something we will only fully realize and appreciate on the other side of eternity. Along with saying the Mass, it is the greatest privilege of a priest's life, the greatest honor of his life.

Fr Rossi

LENTEN FISH DINNERS FRIDAYS AT 5:00 PM FOLLOWED BY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 6:30 PM

Sponsorship Opportunity

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

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

Paper Product -

\$500

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS IN OUR RECYCLING PROGRAM. JUST A FEW REMINDERS: PLEASE FLATTEN ALL BOXES, NO STYROFOAM (CARRYOUT OR PACKAGING MATERIALS), EVEN IF THERE IS A RECYLING LOGO ON IT, AND LASTLY RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS AT LOCAL RETAIL/GROCERY STORES.

FOR SALE - 4 burial plots at Washington Memorial Park – we recently came into possession of 4 burial plots at Washington Memorial Park. They are in a beautiful location within the cemetery. The cost of the burial plots is approximately \$20k (or \$5k each) but we are planning to sell them at a discount of 20% to anyone interested for \$16k. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the office. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

CONDOLENCES

St. Johns family extends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of parishioner Marion Mazzitti who died this past week. Please keep the family in your prayers.

March SJP winners are James Geisherimer, Maria Garcia, Marty Getz, Jr. Catherine Outland, Mary McKann, John Loughran, Kathy Britton and Kristen Bridendine. The next drawing is April 18.

Thank you to all who participate in the Kroger program for St John's to receive benefits. We have received another check in the amount of \$241.80. Remember you have to renew your membership for this program each year. **St John number is UQ223.**

Christians throughout Richmond are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from March 6 through April 14. We will be dedicating 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. 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. contact: Ann Niermeyer, 804-714-5170.

National March for Life is coming to Virginia Wednesday, April 3, in Richmond! 9:00 am: Mass celebrated by Bishop Knestout at the Convention Center in Richmond, 11:00 am: Rally at the State Capitol in Richmond, 12:00 pm March for Life begins.